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**Wildfire destroys 1.3-15 acres,
three homes**



***Wildfire
destroys
1,345 acres,
three homes***

Ben Dawson lost his possessions and home in their home, as the Grayling took the property when a fire destroyed over 1,300 homes in Grayling last year. The fire had most of the town's homes.

noon south of Graydon. Three other homes were damaged by the blaze, and other structures were destroyed.

"Anything that we're going to try to hold on there," Kim Davis said. "That's tough."

Kim Dawson, 26, is the first of their four children and the first to be born in the United States.



Despite recent blazes, normal fire season predicted

The fire season is already red hot in the Huron-Manistee National Forest, which covers nearly 1 million acres in the northern Lower Peninsula.

"We've had probably over 25 fires in the last couple weeks," which is an unusually high number for this early in the spring, said Cadillac-based fire information officer Carol Nilsson.

One flare-up scorched 133 acres in Hoxeyville, near Cadillac, after fierce winds stoked a backyard brush fire. Before firefighters brought it under control, it had already destroyed two homes and two outbuildings.

Nilsson said the Lower Peninsula's peak fire season runs from mid-April to mid-May, after the snow has melted and forests are dense with fuel like dead leaves and brush. It tapers off when trees leaf out.

"Fires don't burn green," she said, though they sometimes occur throughout the summer and fall.

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Earth Day celebrated



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Weyerhaeuser employees and their families marked Earth Day on Saturday by volunteering at the Grayling Charter Township Recycling Center, helping sort and handle recycled materials. Above, Preston Barr, the grandson of Kathi Moss, Weyerhaeuser's environmental coordinator, and Michael Faulkner, the son of Weyerhaeuser's general manager Ian Faulkner, sort through newspapers at the recycling center.

Five candidates vying for school board on Tuesday

Crawford AuSable School District voters will go to the polls to select two school board members on Tuesday.

The regular school election will be held on Tuesday, May 6. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Incumbent Sandra Enos and Richard Febey are both running for the one four-year seat on the school board.

Enos was appointed to the board in November to fill out the seat vacated by Judith Gorski, a Crawford AuSable Board of Education trustee and a retired Grayling High School principal, who resigned from the board citing family health issues.

Enos, a Head Start home-based teacher, ran for the board in 2006, when Gorski was elected to her seat for the board.

Febey is a self employed physical therapist in Grayling. His wife, Barbara Febey, is a mathematics teacher at the Grayling High School.

Three candidates are running for a two-year seat on the board, to fill out Gorski's term which expires in 2010.

Incumbent Jane Lange, the

current school board secretary, is running for the seat. Lange was elected to the school board in 2004, and is finishing out her first four-year term. She is an instructor in the mathematics department at Kirtland Community College.

Dave Shriver, a project manager for Air Way Automation, also threw his hat in for the two-year term. Tony Thomson, an employee for Dealer Specialties, a firm that provides window stickers for car dealerships, also filed to run for the two-year board seat.

There are no other ballot proposals or school funding issues on the ballot.

School district voters may have to cast their ballots in a new location under changes made by the Crawford County Election Commission.

City of Grayling residents will still vote at the city hall.

Lovells Township, Grayling Charter Township and Beaver Creek residents will vote at their township halls or community centers.

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School board approves employee retirements

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board recently approved the retirements of employees who have over a century of combined service.

The school board, at its regular monthly meeting last week, approved letters of retirement for five employees.

Bob Vollmer, the Crawford AuSable School District's transportation director, is retiring after serving nine years in that position and an overall 32 years with the district.

The school voted to terminate Vollmer's contract, effective

June 30, since he has one-year left on his administrative contract with the district.

The board approved a contract with Brian Hulbert, who will replace Vollmer as the district's transportation director.

Hulbert, who has worked 17 years for the district, has held a number of positions including bus driver, dispatcher, bus mechanic and building and grounds maintenance employee.

"Brian has served in many different roles, he has a lot of experience and we think he will do very well taking over the position," said Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent

Joe Powers.

The board also accepted the retirement of Nancy Wells, who has served as a central office secretary and school district receptionist for 16 years.

Wells' position will be replaced in August, prior to the start of the next school year.

"Nancy has served the district well and has been the smiling face for the district for a long time," Powers said.

Yvonne Pratt, who has worked as a kindergarten teacher's aide for 14 years, is also stepping down at the end of the school year.

Cynthia Green, a cook at the

AuSable Primary School for 27 years, will prepare her last meal for students when the school year ends.

Finally, Rose Ann Owens, a special education paraprofessional, is calling it quits after serving 23 years with the district.

The three positions will be replaced and could be filled by employees who were laid off last year due to budget cuts.

"We could possibly hire new employees, but we have to go through the recall process to see if those people want to work again or if they're qualified," Powers said.

Despite recent blazes, normal forest fire season predicted

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While experts say Michigan likely is in for a typical number of fires this season, parts of the state have already experienced a rash of blazes.

In Grayling, for instance, another fire burned roughly 1,100 acres of state forest and

private land.

Although above-average temperatures have kept firefighting crews in the Lower Peninsula busy so far, the rest of the season may be relatively calm, according to Department of Natural Resources fire management specialist Don Johnson.

"The reality is our spring fire season isn't dependent on weather patterns. It's a day-to-day thing," he said. "That means it's very hard to predict what will happen next week."

Johnson said that an average year sees 300 to 500 forest fires in Michigan, with one or two large blazes that burn 100 acres or more. He expects this year to fall within that range.

"There's nothing unusual on the horizon," he said.

In the western Upper Peninsula's Ottawa National Forest, the ground is still patched with snow, and the damp woods have yet to see a fire this season, said Watersmeet-based forest fire management officer Dean Karlovich.

The eastern U.P.'s Hiawatha National Forest has seen only one fire this season, and it burned less than an acre.

But the peak season runs until early June in that part of the state,

Karlovich said, and a run of dry, warm weather could quickly end that calm.

"I don't want to give people a false sense of security," he added.

According to Nilsson, fire is part of a natural process and can be good for forest ecosystems. But as more homes are built in the woods, the benefits of fire are overshadowed by the potential for destruction and personal injury.

"Urban interface is just a big, big issue," she said, "more and more every year."

Nilsson encourages homeowners in forests to clear their yards of brush and trim trees so there are no branches closer than six feet to the ground and keep propane tanks far from their houses.

And, she said, people shouldn't burn yard waste when conditions are ripe for spreading fires, since strong winds can carry embers for miles.

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residents who live in the portion of the school district that lies in Otsego Lake Township in Otsego County, will all vote at the Frederic Township Community Center. Residents, who live in the area of the school district located in Bear Lake Township in Kalkaska County, will vote at the Bear Lake Township Community Center.

Voters are again being reminded by the Secretary of State's Office of the identification requirement, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card, in order to cast a ballot. Voters who do not have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show

other forms of photo identification. Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo identification, or fails to bring one to the polls, will have to fill out a brief form in order to cast a ballot.

Voters who need to have an absentee ballot mailed to them must apply for the ballot no later than 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 p.m. on Monday, May 5. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person on Monday, May 5, must vote the ballot in the clerk's office.

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Weyerhaeuser wins Pictionary Olympics



Teams representing area businesses and organizations took part in the Grayling Promotional Association's 21st Annual Pictionary Olympics held at the Grayling Eagles Club on Friday. Above top, the winning team from Weyerhaeuser, which included Kitte Rach, Kathi Moss, Ellen Johnston and Kevin Johnston, are pictured with 46th Trial Court Judges Janet M. Allen and Monte J. Burmeister, who served as the Pictionary Olympics judges. Bottom, a team from Salon Rue takes part in the Pictionary Olympics action.

Michigan tourism ads net visitors, awards, but travel forecast still glum

by Clay Taylor
Capital News Service

Images of a man painting a picture, fingers gliding over piano keys, a woman laughing in a blue-tinted nightclub and an angler casting a line into a river flow into each other as a narrator intones: "Let's go to Jacktown, to Fishtown, Ypsi and Kazoo. Let's go to G-rap and the Soo. Let's go to Cereal City, Christmas City, Tulip City, the Capital City and the Motor City."

This commercial, titled "Nicknames," is part of Michigan's award-winning, \$20 million advertising campaign responsible for netting 3.8 million tourists who otherwise would have taken their vacation elsewhere.

Longwood International, a Toronto tourism research firm, released a study showing that the ad campaign was responsible for the new visitors, who spent a total of \$800 million between 2004 and 2007.

The campaign, titled Pure Michigan, is the result of a \$15 million special tourism appropriation from the 21st Century Jobs Fund. The additional money inspired the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to run out-of-state ads in Milwaukee, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Toronto.

Those potentially lucrative markets put the pressure on the

campaign creators to step up their game, said George Zimmermann, vice president of Travel Michigan, the state's official tourism promotion agency.

"We decided that since we were going into some new markets, it was important to make sure we have the best, most compelling message, especially for these new markets we didn't know much about," Zimmermann said.

They succeeded, according to the Travel Industry Association of America, which cited it for Best Tourism Campaign and Best State Television Ads. It was the state's first win for both awards, Zimmermann said.

The commercials, which can be viewed online at www.michigan.org/travelads, are organized into three seasons: Winter, Warm Weather and Fall. The ads showcase activities like fishing, golfing, gambling, water sports, skiing, hiking and biking.

Longwood International determined the success of the ads by going into each of the six cities and putting together a random sample of consumers. They were shown the ads and asked if they had seen them, and through a series of other questions the firm was able to determine how influential the ads were in luring new tourists to Michigan.

Despite the campaign's success, experts predict that the tourism industry will continue a downward trend this year.

Michigan State University professors Sarah Nicholls and Robert Richardson, both from the Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies Department, said they expect tourism to drop 2 percent from last summer.

"Key indicators of tourism activity such as traffic counts — down 1.2 percent — and Mackinac Bridge crossings — down almost 2 percent — indicate a continuation of the downward trend in tourism volume in evidence since the late 1990s, a trend likely to accelerate should recent rises in gasoline prices persist in the long term," Nicholls said.

Other forces are keeping tourists out of Michigan as well, Zimmermann said.

"The market trends affecting the broader economy are playing on a bigger base than the small slice we're going after," Zimmermann said.

He cited high gas prices and a sluggish economy as unwelcome signs to tourists, in addition to competition from other states.

"The Illinois tourism budget is \$50 million," Zimmermann said. "Last year, ours was \$13.2 million."

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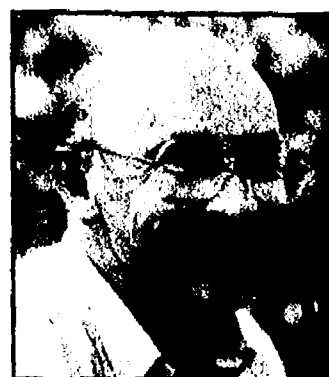
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Tax problems bring wails from Michigan businesses

IT SHOULD COME as no big surprise that many Michigan businesses are howling about state taxes.

After the first quarter tax reporting period, the new Michigan Business Tax (MBT) is coming home to roost, and businesses facing higher taxes are not very happy about it.

Reaction of friends of business in the state legislature is not unexpected either.

Actions to reduce the shock of higher taxes are under way.

The tax package causing all the April anguish was hobbled together last year by the legislature, with the final pieces falling into place in the closing days of the session.

The new and "improved" Michigan Business Tax was adopted in June 2007 to replace the Single Business Tax (SBT), which had grown to be hated by almost everyone. The new MBT

was to be revenue-neutral at about \$2 billion, which means no added revenue for the state, but a fairer spread among the taxpayers.

THAT DID NOT solve all budget problems last year, however.

Faced with a looming shortage of about \$600 million, and only after much anguish and haggling, lawmakers begrudgingly enacted a six percent tax on a variety of business activities, ranging from baby shoe bronzing to brokerage fees.

The list of new service taxpayers made no sense, and after vociferous private sector squawking the service tax was repealed before it even took effect.

So a new tax solution was enacted in November — a 21 percent surcharge on the new Michigan Business Tax. Both the MBT and the surcharge took effect on January 1, 2008, with

the surcharge designed to replace the \$600 million the never-levied tax on selected business services was supposed to produce.

As first-quarter tax returns rolled around, complaints are pouring into the state treasury anew. For example, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth claimed a 500 percent increase in state taxes and many other businesses claimed huge increases, up to 1,300 percent or more.

Of course, percentages are tricky numbers; the bottom line should be how many dollars are involved, not the rate of increase.

Elected lawmakers, not unexpectedly, hear the anguish, and have begun new tax-related scurrying. The state senate, mostly along party lines, approved a \$240 million tax relief bill. Tax committees have launched study groups.

The Michigan Chamber of

Commerce wants the surcharge rolled back, and suggests spending cuts and more government reform to make up any lost revenue.

THE TAX TURMOIL has all the earmarks of yet another cat fight between cutters and spenders in the capitol.

In 2007, the governor and the legislature wrestled with tax and budget concerns from January right through December. In 2008, it could become déjà vu, all over again ... and in an election year, too.

The \$600 million expected from the surcharge already has been committed to state programs. If that expected revenue is repealed or reduced, then it either must be replaced by other revenue, or already approved state programs and spending must be reduced by that amount.

"Right now, we're hearing

from groups paying more and not hearing from classes of business paying less," Gary Olson, director of the Senate Fiscal Agency, was quoted in an article in the *Detroit News*. "If our goal was that nobody was going to pay any more under the new tax than under the old tax, we should have kept the old tax."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm said she's willing to take a look at changes, as long as any resulting taxes produce the same amount of revenue from somewhere. Of course, that would mean some taxpayers somewhere would be hit for any tax relief granted.

WHEN THE NEW MBT was adopted in June, Gov. Granholm claimed that seven of 10 businesses would pay lower taxes.

"That sounds great, but it also means the other three businesses will pay higher taxes, and enough to make up that \$2 billion the

SBT now yields," the Almanack commented at that time.

"Initial reaction from business groups has been generally supportive. That's understandable from the seven businesses which will pay lower taxes, but I wonder about the absent complaints from those three businesses paying higher taxes."

Recent state treasury figures show 99,363 business taxpayers are expected to pay less under the new system, and 44,761 are expected to pay more.

Forty-four thousand businesses, and their lobbyists, can make a lot of noise, and that's what we're hearing now.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Didn't we have an opportunity to boost the economy?

To the editor:

About the poll you are doing, should the County Board support, oppose, or stay neutral with the theme park?

I use to live in Crawford County for about 30 years and moved to Houghton Lake 10 years ago. Can you refresh my memory, but some time ago, and I hate to bring it up again, but didn't we have an opportunity to boost the economy when they wanted to bring a Nascar track to Grayling?

They had jobs year round and

they were even going to do improvements to I-75 and the airport. Was it not the board that said that they wanted to keep it small and simple and something about Grayling couldn't support something of that size?

A Nascar track and the things they wanted to do back then, would have been a better bet in my opinion, and yes, I am a Nascar fan, but I would also like to see a theme park.

Charles Baker
Houghton Lake

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

How should local officials be handling the proposed Main Street America theme park?

Providing full support.	Active opposition.	Staying neutral.
82 votes 44%	74 votes 39%	32 votes 17%

This week's online poll question: Has the high price of gasoline changed your driving habits or vacation plans?

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Are you recycling all that you could?

To the editor:

I read, with interest, the article in the *Avalanche* regarding the fact that the Grayling Charter Township is considering implementing a special tax assessment to help fund its trash compactor and recycling center.

I don't know about you, but I don't need any more taxation. Not only that, but I can't afford a \$60 sticker. I am a single, senior citizen on a very limited income.

I recycle, I compost and I have a burn barrel with a cover, that I purchased at McLean's Hardware, to burn paper that is not recyclable. I also burn personal papers that I don't want to end up in a dump.

Unfortunately, there are unsavory characters that rummage through to collect information. What this all boils down to is that I only have one bag every month or two. I don't feel that I should pay taxes for the folks with large families or those who don't take the time to recycle. I feel there is only one fair way of taking care of this problem and that is to charge by the bag.

After I wrote this letter, I began to wonder if I was actually recycling all the items that I could. I wasn't. I went to the person that I knew could help me, John Wotring, the operating manager at the recycling center. He was very helpful and gave me some literature.

I am going to share with you the items that are most frequently recycled.

Clear glass jars, remove lids and rinse well.

Newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, phone books, TV guides and similar items,

computer paper, office paper, coupons, junk mail, envelopes, etc. No carbon copies.

Cardboard - corrugated, pizza boxes, paperboard, cardboard egg cartons, cereal boxes and similar boxes. Empty with liners removed and flattened. I even recycle paper towel cores and poty paper cores.

Plastics - beverages, detergent jugs, bleach bottles, vinegar and some clear bottles (check with people at the recycling center). Rinse well and remove caps. On milk jugs, rinse and remove caps and rings. No oil jugs.

Tin cans - rinse and flatten if possible. No paint cans, aerosol cans or metal.

Styrofoam - egg cartons, popcorn packing material and meat trays. Rinse well.

Aluminum - foil wrap, pans, trays and juice cans. Rinse and flatten when possible. No dirty pans or trays.

The above are examples of what can be recycled. For more information, pamphlets are available at the recycling center or you can ask the employees.

Don't forget yard waste, leaves, grass, and personal and medical waste. Rinse all containers well.

We need to think of the safety of all the good people that handle our waste.

I am not a "tree hugger", but I feel I have a responsibility to my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to do what I can to help save our environment. Get your children involved in recycling. It's a wonderful way to educate them.

Jan Dreasky

Grayling

Why wasn't the public notified?

To the editor:

I don't understand why the public wasn't notified that they would be taking everything off of the graves.

I was at the cemetery just a few days prior to them removing everything and if I had known that was going to happen, I would have removed them myself.

My family and I spent a lot of time and money on keeping my dad's grave looking nice. We even planted grass, mowed and raked it all year long, at least since June of 2007, when my dad passed away.

I really would have liked some kind of notice.

Rose Gildner and family
Grayling

Was there a change in the rules?

To the editor:

Would someone please explain to my family, including my nine and seven year-old grandchildren, what right the new cemetery sexton had to dispose of the trinkets, the "Dad" plaque and the flowers (some on a shepherd's hook 3 1/2 feet off the ground), that adorned my father's grave site?

We have been placing things on my father's grave for over seven years and have never had any problems until now. It's not like we don't take care of the grave. My brother keeps the grass mowed and my mom makes sure that it is watered and looks nice.

Our family has left coins (silver and pennies) on the headstone because my dad loved to play cards and go to the casino. While the men at Camp Lehman worked at the cemetery (which they no longer do - that's another story), nothing was ever taken or missing. Last week, all of the silver coins were taken (the pennies were left). I hope that the monetary value of the coins

means more to whoever took them than the sentimental value meant to us.

Please explain this to my nine year-old granddaughter, who cried and wanted to know why someone would take what she had left there for her Papa last year. I couldn't. If there was a change in the rules or new rules are now being enforced, the families should have been notified before our personal tributes were discarded.

I appreciate that the cemetery is kept neat and clean, and I could understand if the grounds crew had disposed of damaged items on untended grave sites. However, to remove items in good condition from well maintained sites is unnecessary. A grave site is sacred ground and the mementos placed there are full of meaning to the family members that visit. To remove these symbols of love is just plain disrespectful and by doing so, the city has created a lot of hard feelings.

Sherry (Millikin) Harney
Grayling

How about a little consideration

To the editor:

Thank you Nita Millikin for your letter last week.

I now know who has been stealing things from my son's grave. He has been in the cemetery for almost eight years now and I never once was informed of any dates for the removal of grave decorations.

April 1 is not appropriate, as we all know what this area usually looks like on April 1.

It seems that there could be a notice in the paper concerning the removal of items.

Kathy Piehl
Grayling

Firefighters did a fantastic job

To the editor:

I could not be more impressed with the fantastic job that our local firefighters did last Thursday. The money we invest for their training and equipment is well complimented by their skill and dedication. I am proud to know some of them.

If we had any media coverage, by any of the dozen or so radio stations that claim us as their listeners to their advertisers, the event would have been less chaotic and safer for residents, travelers and emergency staff.

Curt Jansen
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Blood drive to be held

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, May 7, at the American Legion Hall, Grayling, from noon - 5:45 p.m. It is sponsored by the Grayling community. For more information, call 231-347-5984 or 1-800-582-2240, ext. 109.

Garden club holds workshop

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will present a garden workshop, "Creating and Early Spring Container Garden", on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. It is at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Bring your own container, no larger than eight inches, and with enough sterile potting mix to fill it. The plants will be provided. The workshop is limited to 40, RSVP by April 28 at 348-8519.

State Retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, May 6, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

MARSP to hold spring conference

The annual spring conference for the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) will be held on Wednesday, May 21, at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center, 2424 S. Mission St., Mt. Pleasant. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Paid reservations of \$21 for continental breakfast and lunch, all taxes and gratuities payable to MARSP, P.O. Box 23216, Lansing, MI 48909, must be received by May 7. For more information, contact Charlotte Nagy at 989-275-8391 or renag99@earthlink.net.

Project Graduation to hold pancake dinner

Project Graduation will be holding their annual all-you-can-eat pancake dinner fund-raiser, on Monday, May 5, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Lone Pine Restaurant. The cost is by donation. All proceeds will benefit Grayling High School Project Graduation.

Weight loss support group to be held

Mercy Hospital will host a weight loss surgery support group the first Tuesday of every month beginning May 6, at 6 p.m. If you have questions, contact Linda Swarthout at 344-2400, during mid-afternoons.

VFW Post to hold installation of officers

The VFW Post #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold their installation of officers on May 6, at 6 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. Officers need to be present. There will be a potluck, bring a dish to pass.

Hospice to offer ongoing support group

Hospice of Michigan will offer a free, ongoing grief support group for those who have lost a friend or loved one. The group will meet on the first and third Monday of each month, from noon - 1:30 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 6441 W. M-72. For more information, contact Briana at 989-705-2603.

Alzheimer's Association to hold open house

Are you or someone you know struggling with memory loss? The Alzheimer's Association of northern Michigan is holding an open house at their Alpena office in the District Health Department #4 building, 100 Woods Circle, across from the Besser School on Thursday, May 15, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The staff and volunteers are extending an invitation for all residents to attend the open house, meet the local staff and browse their resource library. They will also be on hand to answer questions and to provide material relating to our existing support groups and volunteer opportunities that are available. Refreshments will be served.

Alzheimer's Disease is the most common form of dementia and the number of diagnosed cases is on

the rise. The Alzheimer's Association is the only national voluntary health organization dedicated to researching the prevention, cure and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders. The association remains equally dedicated to providing support and education about Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias to individuals, families and professionals. For more information about the open house and the programs and services that the association offers, call the Greater Michigan Chapter Regional Office at 989-356-4087 or 800-272-3900.

Tickets on sale to Crawford County's food event of the year

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold their 8th Annual Men Who Cook event at the Camp Grayling Officer's Club on Saturday, May 17, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. It is sponsored by Forest Dunes Golf Club.

There will be appetizers, vegetables, side dishes, main dishes, and of course, desserts. The menu includes: deep fried turkey, red beans and sausage, summer sausage, cheese and crackers, chicken and asparagus, See Ya Later Alligator, Is Your Mama a Lama?, Head in the Sand Ostrich, Captain Kangaroo, Interesting despite being a Wild Boar, New England clam chowder, cheesecakes, Uncle Ernie's apple crumb and a few other special surprises.

Our chefs for this year's event include: Ernie Dawson, Skip Kaiser, David Borkowski, Shawn Kraycs, Dave Reese, Mike Ingalls, Doug Ellis, John Jones, Dave Dubriny, Monte Burmeister, Don Mason and Pete Bice.

"They have concocted some of

their best and most interesting dishes to share with us this year and your appetites won't be disappointed in the wide variety of dishes being prepared by these aspiring Men Who Cook," said Kim Millikin, interim executive director. "This event is fun and entertaining for all, whether you are behind the chef's table or in front of it filling your plate."

Tickets are now available for \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will not be available at the door, as the Chamber will need a list of attendees to provide to Camp Grayling to gain entrance onto the base.

For more information on this event, please contact the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921, at 213 N. James St., Grayling, in the Grayling City Park, or via e-mail at chamber@graylingchamber.com. Visit our Web site at www.graylingchamber.com for upcoming community events information as well as information about Men Who Cook.

Fruit trees lecture featured at park opening

Wellington Farm, USA, a 60-acre living history farm near Grayling, will open for the season on Saturday, May 3.

Opening day will feature several activities.

First of all, there will be a free lecture and demonstration at 9:30 a.m. on the planting and growing of various types of fruits. Emphasis will be on the planting of new fruit trees and the pruning and propagation of raspberries.

Wellington Farm has made special arrangements with Miller Nurseries of Canandaigua, New York, to have a supply of quality apple trees available for sale. This will be the only place in the state where Miller Nursery trees will be available this season.

There will also be some raspberry plants and asparagus plants for sale.

In addition to the fruit growing class, Wellington Farm will be fully open, with interpreters in costume demonstrating the ways of life of another time, The Great Depression of 1932.

There will be demonstrations of other May activities, such as kite flying and the ritual of dancing around the May Pole.

Wellington Farm, USA, is located on Military Road between Camp Grayling and Higgins Lake, with easy access to both US-127 and I-75. Further information and directions can be obtained from the Web site at www.wellingtonfarmpark.org.

FFL to hold cat spay and neuter clinic

Friends for Life, Inc. (FFL) has scheduled a spay and neuter clinic at Wags to Wiskers Pet Supply in Gaylord on Saturday, May 31. The fee is \$30 for a male cat and \$60 for a female. The procedures are done by a licensed veterinarian in a mobile surgery hospital. Reservations are required along with a \$10 non-refundable deposit. Call 989-939-8732 (Gaylord) for a reservation form and further information.

Rabies, distemper and parvo vaccinations are available for both cats and dogs at \$15 each. Reservations are not required for vaccinations only. Bring your pet in between noon and 2 p.m. If financial help is needed, FFL can help.

It is especially difficult to curtail reproduction in stray cats, barn cats and multi-cat households. It is also very expensive,

but FFL can help, just call 989-939-8732.

FFL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To become a member, or to donate, the address is P.O. Box 1596, Gaylord, MI 49734.

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Individuals requiring transportation for specialty medical services not locally available may qualify for Rural Health Initiative transportation services.

Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting: Julie Dean at 348-8215.

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS*: Scheduled For May 2008

Trip #1
Monday, May 6, 2008
"Out to Lunch Gang"
Tulip Festival Holland
Departs center at 7:00 am

Trip #2
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Turtle Creek Casino
Departing at 8:30 am.
Approximate arrival - Grayling 4:00 pm.

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
 Contact Andrea @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat

*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julie @ 348-8215

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Wildfire destroys 1,345 acres, three homes

The wildfire started in an area east of I-75, north of the Four Mile Road rest area, between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24. The fire quickly jumped across the interstate and spread onto the Grayling Game Club property, located on Simpson Lake, and other private properties. A total of 1,345 acres of land was damaged by the fire. Above are photos taken by Department of Natural Resources officials at the fire scene. Right top, a Frederic Township firefighter hoses down the fire as it approaches a home located in the wooded area behind the Ramada Inn. Right bottom, Grayling Game Club owner Jeff Young lost a snowmobile trailer and his sleds in the blaze. "The fire turned it into a puddle of aluminum," said Rob Kelly, who also has a home on the Grayling Game Club property. Right middle, all that was left from a home owned by Kim and Ron Dawson was the fieldstone chimney. Below left, State Police and DNR officers evacuate traffic from northbound I-75, as the blaze crossed west across the interstate.

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Dawson said that it is just as disheartening to see the trees that were damaged on the property. "A lot of trees are just big black twigs, just poking out of the ground," she said.

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State Police, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officers, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and Grayling City Police closed down traffic on the interstate.

DNR officials set up a command center near the fire scene. Crawford County Emergency Management officials activated their emergency operations center in the central dispatch building.

As the fire spread, police and firefighters evacuated people from homes in the potential path of the blaze.

Dawn Juntilla, who lives on Golfview Drive near the Grayling Country Club, had just returned home after retrieving her children, Madison, Justice and Sabrina, from school.

Dawn said that she saw the smoke while driving through town. About five minutes after being home, a firefighter was on their front lawn, telling the family to evacuate.

Dawn, and her husband John Juntilla, quickly gathered their kids, three cats, three dogs and three turtles, and went to stay with a family member for the night.

"You go into go-mode," Dawn said. "You don't have time to absorb what is going on. We went down the road through rolling smoke. It was chaotic and there were crying kids."

About 50 to 60 people in the Karen Woods subdivision were also evacuated from their homes.

Rob Kelly, of Plymouth, who has a home on the Grayling

Game Club Property, had just got done stacking firewood when he noticed smoke from the fire. Kelly got on his ATV to try and find the location of the blaze, and had to cover his face with a t-shirt, due to the smoke. After discovering the magnitude of the blaze, Kelly returned to his property and hosed down his home and garage. As the 30 to 40 foot flames were approaching, he decided to flee. He came upon Laura Gunther, a caretaker for the property, and helped her find her way out, since she was unfamiliar with the back entrance to the property near Hanson Hills.

Kelly said he was impressed with the job firefighters did. "They went into a hellstorm, and didn't back down," Kelly said.

Dr. John Sloan, and his wife Nancy, also have a home at the Grayling Game Club. They were doing yard work when they detected the smoke. They went to see the cause of the blaze.

Sloan, who is battling an illness, decided to gather up his medications and the family cat "Jordan."

They turned on their in-ground sprinkler system to water down the property before the power eventually went out.

Ultimately, the Sloans decided not to leave and stayed at their home as the fire approached.

"We decided if it really got bad, we would get in the boat, row into the middle of the lake and watch everything burn," Sloan said. "Fortunately, it didn't come to that."

Julie Dean, executive director for the Crawford County Transportation Authority, said Dial-A-Ride drivers took people to their destinations and halted pick-ups after the main roads in town were shut down.

"It just got too hairy and scary," she said.

Busses were parked by the American Legion Lounge and Lanes in case they were needed for evacuations, especially for people who needed the wheelchair lifts, Dean said.

"We were ready, willing and able," Dean said.

Busses, from the Crawford

AuSable District, were also on standby for evacuation purposes.

The Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community made plans to evacuate its 63 residents and staff, but did not have to follow through with those plans.

"We had a very good plan in place and we were ready to execute it if the need arose, but fortunately for the residents, they contained the fire on their property," said Judy Baker, director of nursing for the Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community. "It would have been very disruptive and traumatic for them."

Pattie Walker, the director of emergency services at Mercy Hospital Grayling, said the hospital was prepared to take residents from the Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community at the hospital if they were called upon. They also contacted Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord to help with overflow, and had ambulances on standby for transports. The hospital cancelled one surgery, called in six extra physicians and set up its hazardous materials tent outside to treat firefighters.

"We definitely stood by if we were needed and fortunately we were not," Walker said.

American Red Cross volunteers were going to set up a shelter at Camp Grayling for evacuees, but opted to locate it at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church to keep food preparation and sleeping quarters in the same spot and to be closer to a food source.

About 15 people stayed at the church and slept on cots hauled in by a Red Cross disaster response trailer.

"We can open up a shelter, basically, at a moment's notice," said Theresa Zambeck, director of fund development for the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross provided food and water to the firefighters at the scene. The Home Depot in Houghton Lake delivered a pallet of water. Employees from Dally's Family Market, Subway and Glen's Market in Roscommon delivered food for the firefighters.

"That was a big scramble,

since the power was out in Grayling and there was no place to get food," Zambeck said.

The fire crept up to the property bordering the Admiral Gas Station, which closed down due to the power outage and their proximity to the blaze. Glen's Market and the Ramada Inn were other businesses effected by the power outage and fire.

A total of 525 customers were impacted by the power outage. Power was restored to most customers by 3 a.m. on Friday. A remaining six customers had power restored on Friday afternoon, said Mary Gust, spokesperson for Consumer's Energy.

DNR firefighters were on hand in Grayling on Thursday, since the area was under red flag fire warning conditions. Firefighters from across the state were called into the area.

"It's the biggest potential in the State of Michigan for a wild fire to take off and run for several hours until we get it under control or it rains," said Randy McKenzie fire management specialist for the DNR.

Rains after the fire started and over the weekend helped firefighters manage the blaze.

"The ample rain allowed us to put the fire out even quicker and certainly allowed us to get it contained within the first day," McKenzie said.

While there has been some speculation about the cause of the fire, DNR staff said they were still doing their investigation on Monday and needed to complete their procedures.

"We really can't be sure of that until we get everything looked at on the ground," McKenzie said.

The Grayling City/Township, Frederic Township, South Branch Township, Beaver Creek Township and Fire Departments helped the DNR battle the fire.

"With the fire threatening the community, we were working together to stop a woods fire and prevent more structure damage," McKenzie said. "With a fire that size, it shows good effort by both parts."

Crawford AuSable School offi-

als opted to cancel school on Friday, due to the power outage and the potential for continued road closures.

"I thought it would be better to be safe than sorry," said Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said he was pleased with the patience of local residents, which allowed officials to work together to battle the fire and manage traffic.

"It just made our job a lot easier," Wakefield said. "Nobody got hurt, and the property damage was minimal compared to what it could have been."

Larry Akers, the emergency management and 911 director for Crawford County, also commended the public, emergency responders and firefighters.

"The firemen were taking a stand right there, waiting for it to get better. Hopefully, we'll get some answers from them and they'll move on," Kim Dawson mayor for the City of Grayling said. "It was our home away from home - that's for sure. We are very sad because we put a lot of effort into it."

Juntilla said it was still unnerving when her family was allowed to return to their home on Friday. Jeff Young lost a snowmobile

trailer and his sleds in the blaze. "The fire turned it into a puddle of aluminum," Rob Kelly said.

McKenzie and DNR firefighters patrolled the fire perimeter Monday, and detected no burning spots or smoking areas. McKenzie said the fire should serve as a reminder that residents need to clear debris away from their homes.

"It doesn't take a lot of just keeping the leaves raked up and green grass around prevents a fire from coming up to their homes," he said.

Sloan also recommended that people living in wooded areas keep trees 50 to 100 feet away from their homes.

"I realize people like the trees, but if you want to save your home from a fire, that's how to do it," Sloan said.

Sloan said he helped manage the timber on the Grayling Game Club Property, and recent cuttings reduced the fuel for the fire and magnitude of the blaze.

"All of it was pure luck," said Sloan, who has owned the property for 35 years and has lived there full-time for the last seven years.



The Bible Speaks

Our Wretched Self

Paul concludes Romans 7 by proving the will, emotions, and intellect of self are enslaved by our carnal nature preventing us from keeping God's holy law. This is Paul's final proof the law cannot deliver us from sin. He told us in Romans 7:18: "18For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." He has the will, but not the power. As he said in Romans 7:21: "21I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." The words "I would" speak of the will. When he speaks in Romans 7:15, 16, 19, 20, 21 repeatedly saying "I would" and "I would not" he is reminding us of the failure of his will to obey God's holy law.

Paul reminds us in Romans 7:22 that the emotions have no power to keep God's holy law. "22For I delight in the law of God after the inward man." But this "delight" is defeated in the next verse. Jesus tells us in the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:20, 21 of how emotions of joy often turn to offense under trials: "But he that received the seed

into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended." Feelings or emotional experience cannot bring or keep victory over sin.

Paul teaches us in Romans 7:23 that the mind or intellect has no power to keep God's holy law. "23But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." Colossians 2:18 reminds us the fleshly mind has pride problems. 2 Thessalonians 2:2 reminds us we can be "shaken in mind." That is why we need to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. (Ephesians 4:23).

Since the will, emotion, and intellect reflect what we are inside, it is no wonder Paul declares in Romans 7:24: "24O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" This is Paul's final plea of desperation that the law cannot deliver us from our sin nature.

Next comes the answer in Romans 7:25: "25I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Paul is reminding all of us that we must turn self over to Jesus Christ to have victory over sin.

To have victory over sin, we must surrender completely to God's control as described in Romans 12:1, 2: "1I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." "24And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." (Galatians 5:24). As Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:16: "16For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." Pastor "B"

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Morning Service... 11 am
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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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(841) Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)

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Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

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Wednesday Service... 7 pm

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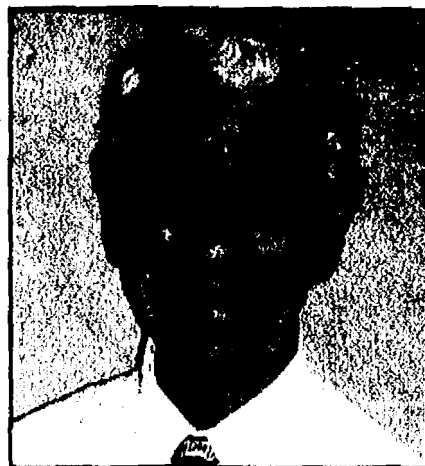
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Sunday Night Fellowship Time... 5-6 pm
Sunday Service... 6 pm

OBITUARIES



William Ruddy

William Ruddy, 76, passed away on April 17, 2008.

He and his wife Pat resided in Grayling until moving to Florida.

He was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he played music.

He was a former K of C Grand Knight, a former county commissioner, a sports enthusiast and he loved golf.

He is survived by his bride Patricia, of nearly 57 years; brother, Dennis; sons: James, John, Jay, Joseph; daughters: Kathryn, Linda, Terri, Sharon; 29 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

A service will be held May 2, at 7 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Noreen Harmer

1949-2008

A memorial service for Noreen Harmer will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 10, at the Maple Forest Cemetery, on Co. Rd. 612, three miles east of Frederic.

Sara Smith

A graveside service for Sara Smith will be held at 9 a.m., on May 2, at the old Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Dorothy E. Munson

Jan. 22, 1936-April 19, 2008
Dorothy Ellen Munson, 72, of Grayling, passed away on April 19, 2008.

She was born in Manton, on January 22, 1936, to Owen and Mildred (Roberts) Swanson.

She married Terry Munson in Cadillac. They were married for 53 years.

She worked in the cafeteria of Crawford AuSable Schools for 14 years.

She is survived by daughter, Sherrie (Michael) Hoffman of Grayling; sons, Bill (Peggy) Munson of Petoskey, Bart (Cindy) Munson of West Branch; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Elaine (Glen) McDaniel and Shirley Richardson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

A funeral service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 22, with Pastor Tom Teall officiating.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Camron M. J. Ellison

April 4, 2008 - April 4, 2008

Camron Michael J. Ellison was born and passed away on April 4, 2008.

He is survived by his parents, Daniel Ellison and Carrie Greene; grandparents, Tom and Julie Ellison of Frederic and Anthony and Julie Green of Grayling.

A graveside service was held on April 19, at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, with Pastor Dale Hammond officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Arbutus Schofield

A burial for Arbutus Schofield will be held at 9 a.m., on May 1, at the Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

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Helene Mowbray

Dec. 3, 1905 - Jan. 20, 2008

Helene Mowbray, 102, passed away on January 20, 2008, at Mercy Hospital.

She was born on December 3, 1905, in Grayling, to John Hendrickson Cook and Anna Marie Christenson Cook.

She was baptized December 12, 1905, in the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grayling, by Pastor Kildegaard. She was a member of St. Peters Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit.

She attended school in Grayling, graduating from Grayling High School, and then attended Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa, completing her secretarial certificate.

She married Emery Mowbray in 1931, at St. Peters Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit.

She was employed in the office of the Graham Paige Company for many years.

She moved back to Grayling in 1980.

She is survived by nephews, William (Barbara) Greene and Robert Paulsen of Grayling; niece, Donna Paulsen Visnaw of Grayling; nieces by marriage Katherine Greene of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Margaret Greene of Canton; cousins: Patricia Petrie and Dale (Cheryl) Melroy of Grayling; cousins of her husband's family: June (Ron) Ruffo of Crownsville, Md., Ruth Keesling of Nixa, Mo., Helen Grayson of Keyser, W.Va., Dorothy Hoover of Manheim, Pa., and numerous great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Johanna Cook, Margrethe Greene Mangsen, Matilda Cook Paulsen; brothers, Harry and Holger Cook; husband, Emery Mowbray; nephews, Gordon Greene and John Green; nieces, Joann Cook Schmidt and Lena Paulsen.

Graveside services were held on April 26, at Elmwood Cemetery, with Pastor David Gabel representing St. John's Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be sent to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, P.O. Box 1115, 300 Huron St., Grayling, MI 49738, or a charity of your choice.

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Final GPA show of the season presents Steppin' Out

The Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) Entertainment Series presents Steppin' Out for their final show of the season, at the Grayling Ramada Inn on Thursday, May 8.

Crooner, Rick Reuther, and chanteuse Mary Rademacher of Steppin' Out, will present their Cabaret show with a tribute to duets from classic movies, Broadway and famous pairs.

Think of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Bing Crosby and Betty Grable, Steve and Eydie, Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennet and K.D. Lang, Barbra Streisand and Neil Diamond and Frank and Nancy Sinatra. Think of days gone by, when supper clubs were the standard and live entertainment was everywhere - people dressed to the nines and came to be entertained.

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A limited amount of tickets for this dinner show are still available, for \$30 at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, while supplies last. Dinner will be a New Orleans feast and a non-alcoholic beverage. A cash bar will be available.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. in the Evergreen Room at the Grayling Ramada Inn. The performance will follow dessert.

For more information on this performance, or a schedule for upcoming shows, call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

The entertainment series is presented by the Grayling



For the conclusion of the 2007-08 season of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series, there will be a dinner show with Steppin' Out at the Grayling Ramada Inn on Thursday, May 8.

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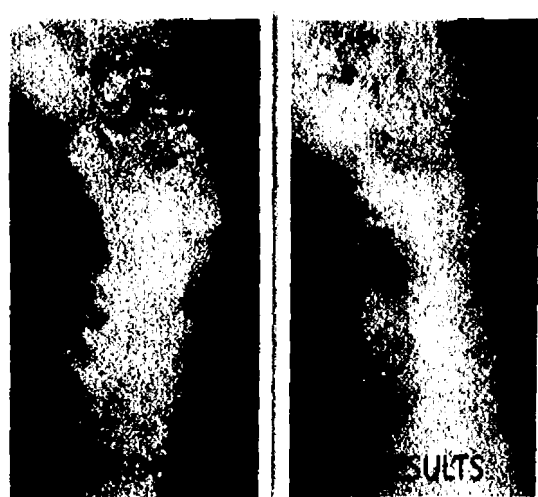
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MILITARY NEWS



Col. Thomas F. Lamie

Colonel Thomas F. Lamie of Grayling, formerly of Traverse City, has retired from the US Army and the Michigan Army National Guard after 29 years of military service.

He joined the US Army in 1969 and served in combat operations in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division, Tropic Lightning.

Lamie also served in NATO Peace Keeping Operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 2001.

Militarily he retired as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence at Joint Forces Headquarters, Lansing. He also

is retiring from his full-time Military Technician position as the Camp Grayling Deputy Commander.

Along with his multitude of leadership assignments over the past 29 years, his awards include the Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, NATO Medal and many others.

Lamie is a graduate of the National Defense University, Command and General Staff College, and a recent graduate of Spring Arbor University with a master's degree in Organizational Management.

He has three children: USAF TSgt John Lamie, married to Claudine (Allen) Lamie, serving his second tour in Afghanistan; Kristie (Lamie) Gallégo, married to Dr. Augusto Gallégo, with one son, Miguel, living in San Jose, Calif.; and USAF Capt. Patrick Lamie, married to Shelley (Matthews) Lamie and stationed in Texas.

Lamie resides in Grayling with his wife Julie. He is the son of Pauline (Harrard) Lamie LaBonte, and the late Louis E. Lamie of Traverse City.

Card of Thanks

A big thank you to the Grayling Leo Club for raking our yard. It was a pleasant surprise to come home from Florida to a freshly cleaned yard.

Jim and Joyce Kolka

Will your home survive a wildfire?

The recent fire near Grayling made local people very aware of the need to make homes and property resistant to wildfire. It involves three key elements. Have your home constructed or retro-fitted with fire resistant building materials, add fire resistant landscape around your home and remove fuel around or near your home.

Below are a few simple steps that can lessen the risk of wildfire to your home and property.

- Create a "green-belt" (i.e., lawn) 10 to 30 feet wide around your home.
- Landscape with fire-resistant plants.
- Clean and remove pine needles and debris from your roof and gutters.
- Prune trees to eliminate "fuel ladders". Vary pruning height to appear more natural.
- Reduce native shrubs under trees and in non-irrigated areas.
- Thin trees to about 10' between tree crowns; clean up thinning debris.
- Consider removing trees up against your house or with branches overhanging the roof. At least prune branches up so they are not in contact with the side of the house or roof.
- Keep firewood stacked away and uphill from your home.
- Replace a wood shake roof with a fire-resistant roof as soon as possible or feasible.
- Display your address and lot number clearly at the end of your driveway.

• Most importantly, keep fuel away from your home. For example, located propane tanks at least 30 feet from any structures, preferably on the same elevation as the house. You don't want the LP container below your house. If it ignites, the fire would tend to burn uphill. On the other hand, if the tank is above your house and it develops a leak, LP gas will flow downhill into your home.

For new home construction in a forested area:

- Use fire-resistant siding, non-combustible composition, tile or metal roofing materials.
- Limit the amount of deck area because hot embers can ignite wooden decks.
- Build on a level portion of your property when possible (fire burns faster on slopes).
- Install alternative water (i.e. cistern) sources for firefighters because electric power often fails or is shut off during a fire, making your well and outside faucets unusable.
- Create adequate access to your property for fire-fighting equipment to enter and egress easily.

To learn more online about defensible space and landscaping for fire protection, visit:

www.firewise.org. You can also contact the Crawford County MSU Extension Office on the lower-level of the county building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, or at 989-344-3279, for more information.

NEMCSA offers homeless prevention funds

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc., NEMCSA, currently has funds available for at-risk households through the Homeless Prevention Program.

The program will fund rental/utility assistance for qualifying homeless households and eviction/foreclosure assistance for qualifying households in danger of becoming homeless.

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Prescreen by calling the Crisis Prevention Program at 989-471-3277 or toll-free at 1-866-270-0687. If eligible, an application will be mailed or faxed to a local site for pickup.

The NEMCSA Homeless Prevention Program serves Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Presque Isle and Roscommon counties.

THIRD ANNUAL CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

On Sunday, May 4th, 2008, at 2:00pm, the Crawford AuSable School District will host our third annual Alumni Hall of Fame ceremony in the Joseph H. Stipe Auditorium. The purpose of this program was developed to not only honor graduates who have achieved significant success in their careers but to motivate our students to set goals for their own futures.

Since the Alumni Hall of Fame was started in 2004, thirty-nine former graduates were inducted and this year there will be eight more added. Those being inducted at this year's ceremony include: Regina B. Rosi, class of 2002, Karen S. Febey, 1992, Keyna Darling, 1975, Roger Nelson, 1958, Douglas L. Wilson, 1968, Theodore G. Davenport, 1953, Edwin R. Skinner, 1959 and Sherrill J. Thayer, 1971.

In order to be inducted into our Alumni Hall of Fame, the graduates must achieve one or more of the following: an advanced degree such as PhD, MD, DO, DDS, OD, JD, a significant life achievement, honor, award or have made a significant contribution toward improving the lives of others. We are proud of our graduates and our goal is to fill the walls of Grayling High School with graduates who are inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Following the awards ceremony, inductees pictures will be added to the beautiful Alumni Hall of Fame Display at the high school. We would like to invite you to join us to honor another group of amazing Crawford AuSable graduates!

If you would like to nominate an alumnus for the 2010 Alumni ceremony, please come into the school board office for an application or check our website at www.casdk12.net Alumni Hall of Fame for further information.

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Pinewood Derby



JC Bertram (right) came in first place in the Pinewood Derby for Pack 3993, which was held at the Grayling Elementary School. He then went on to the District Pinewood Derby in Clare. J.C. Bertram came in first place in the Webelos class and second place overall. Charlie Bertram (middle) came in first place in the open class, with the fastest speed overall for the day, and Devin Smades (left) came in second place in the Webelos class.

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Pickell earns rank of Eagle Scout

Nathan Pickell of Grayling Boy Scout Troop 995 earned the rank of Eagle Scout, which is the highest rank that can be attained in Boy Scouts.

Pickell's Eagle project took place at the Grayling Mercy Manor. A wheelchair accessible raised flower garden was built for those residents who would still like to get outside and garden.

Members of Troop 995 and Pickell's friends helped build the raised garden, which is approximately eight feet high and three feet wide, as well as four smaller raised gardens and four bird feeders around the front and back of Mercy Manor. A total of 119 hours were used to complete this Eagle project.

Pickell started in Cub Scouts in 1996 and progressed through the



Nathan Pickell

ranks, earning the highest rank of the Arrow of Light.

Since Cub Scouts, Pickell has progressed through the ranks of Boy Scouts, learning leadership responsibilities, teaching skills to others and doing community service.

Some of his leadership responsibilities within the troop include Assistant Patrol Leader,

Quartermaster, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.

Pickell has earned 28 merit badges while working towards being an Eagle Scout. He has also earned the World Conservation Award in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He is junior leader trained and is also a brotherhood member in the Kweni Kuwe Chapter of the Order of the Arrow.

A formal Court of Honors was held at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church with the Order of the Arrow conducting the Eagle Scout ceremony.

Pickell plans to stay with Troop 995 as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

After graduating from high school he plans on working and

going to college.

Grayling Boy Scout Troop 995 is chartered by Airway Automation.

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I would like to personally thank each and every one who

participated in fighting the fire, but that would be impossible.

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Walt Isenhauer and family

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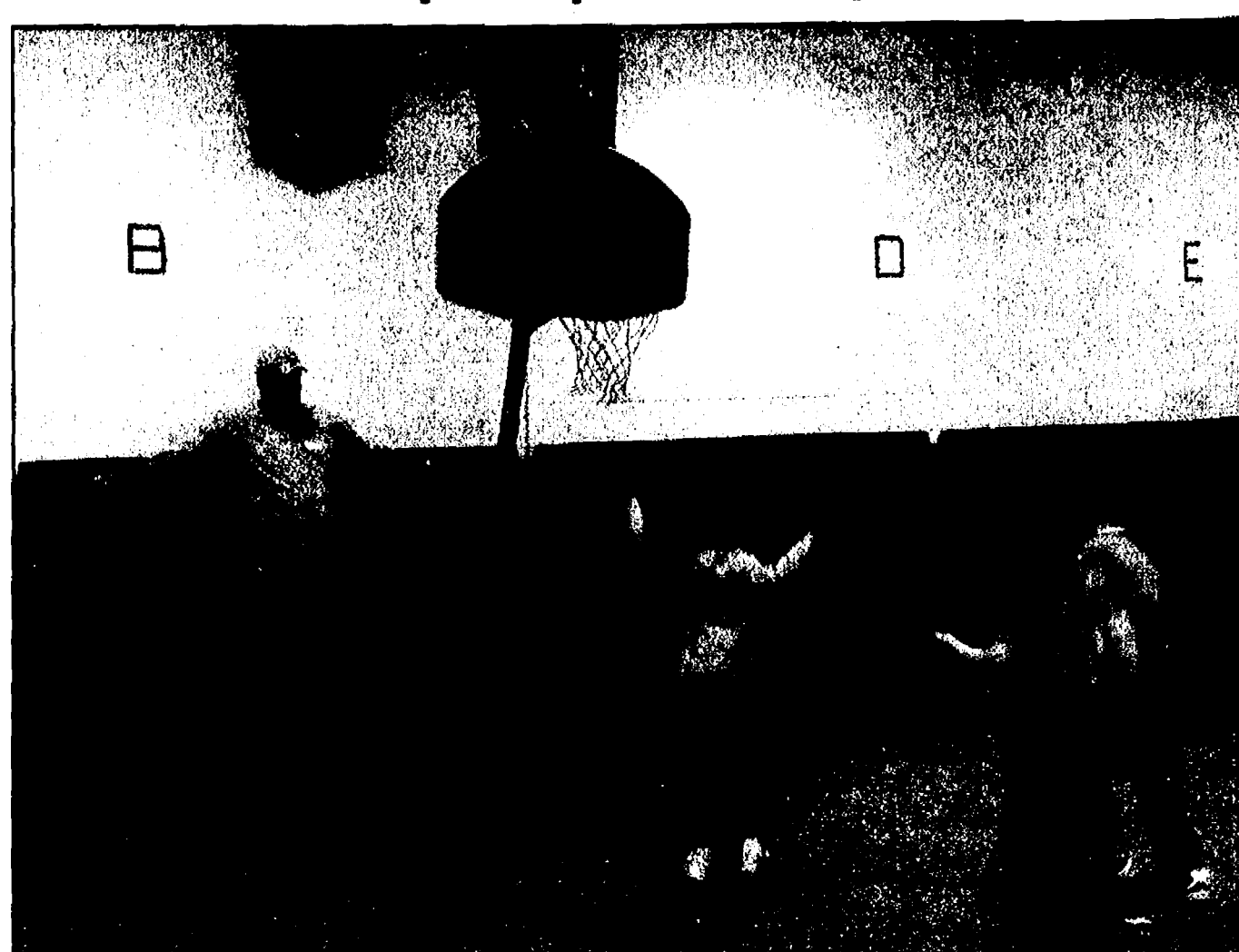
Brooke Hamling and Joshua Poll, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Lianne, born at Mercy Hospital on April 15, 2008, at 1:54 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Lisa M. and Travis N. Schade, of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born at Mercy Hospital on April 25, 2008, at 10:23 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club
The 50/50 raffle winners for April 27 of \$25 each; Bill and Loretta Tobin and Chuck Huber (2).

Students hoop it up for Hoops for Heart



Students at the AuSable Primary School recently raised over \$5,000 for the American Heart Association through the Hoops for Heart program. Scott Baker, the AuSable Primary School's physical education teacher, successfully motivated his kindergarten through third grade students to raise money for the cause. The children created teams and worked through a tournament bracket to complete their Hoops for Heart activity. Glen's Market, McDonald's and the AuSable Primary/Grayling Elementary Parent Teacher Organization also made donations to the school's Hoops for Heart program. Above, the students compete in the Hoops for Heart tournament as parent Jeremy Maczorowski looks on.

HONORS



Megan Fekete
Megan Fekete, daughter of Sandy Fekete, was awarded a

bachelor's of science degree from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., on May 11. Fekete completed her studies in biochemistry with a minor in history.

While attending Allegheny College, she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Beta Beta Beta, the biological honorary society. She served on the executive boards of WARC and ACTV, the campus' radio station and television station. She also participated in intramural floor hockey and soccer. She recently

completed her Senior Independent Project titled: *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Brassica rapa* and *Alliaria petiolata*. She will be presenting a poster of her project at the American Plant Biology conference this July in Mexico.

She plans to enter the Integrated Biological Science Masters program at the University of Minnesota- Duluth in the fall.

Fekete is a 2004 graduate of Grayling High School.

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Garden club donates tree to River House



Beyond the Garden Wall Gardening Club donated a flowering crab apple tree to River House, in honor of Earth Day, on April 22. Pictured above are (L to R): Larry Hufnagel, Kathy Hughes, Kriss Goodroe, Carrie Rasmusson and Florence Hough. Not pictured are Mary Wylie and Lisa Oliver.

Relative Caregiver Conference goal to create support groups

With the goal of reaching out to and including all relative caregivers, and to create local support groups to serve each community, the Relative Caregiver Subcommittee will offer a one-day "Relative Caregiver Conference" on Friday, May 9, at Kirtland Community College (KCC) in Roscommon.

The Relative Caregiver Subcommittee is a multi-agency collaboration consisting of human service professionals in Crawford, Otsego, Ogemaw and Roscommon counties and was created to promote and sustain child welfare reform, particularly when children must be placed out of the home. Keeping children placed out of the home within their own communities and with appropriate relatives are two of the reform's nine outcome goals.

When unforeseen life circumstances arise, such as parental death, physical problems or mental health problems, you may find yourself playing the role of parent again to young children or teens that aren't your own. They are the children of someone else in your family.

This was not the way you planned your middle to late life years. You feel strongly that you need to help out, but it's all so overwhelming and you're no longer a "spring chicken."

You need someone to talk to, someone who can relate to what you're going through. You need to find some moral support and you need to know what resources are available to help you care for these children in today's world.

Over 200 individuals and families living in northern Lower Michigan have been identified as "relative caregivers" to a family member's child or children. In years past, these children would have, more often than not, ended up placed in a foster home when their parents were found to be unable to properly care for them. That trend has changed dramatically due to an effort to keep children within their family boundaries as often and as safely as possible.

Local offices of Michigan's Department of Human Services (DHS) have identified the families mentioned above through their own casework contact, the courts and other agencies. But, DHS officials believe the number is conservative because there are many relatives caring for family member's children who are not linked to any local human service organization, making it impossible to count or identify them.

Relative caregivers face a variety of challenges when caring for children experiencing the trauma of abuse, neglect, loss of a parent

(i.e. incarceration, mental illness, death), and/or removal from their homes.

Limited financial assistance, about \$147 per child per month, is available through DHS if the relatives are not licensed as foster care providers. Perhaps more unfortunate, as unlicensed placements, relative caregivers haven't traditionally been provided with training in child development, handling trauma, or other educational services afforded to licensed foster parents.

The Relative Caregiver Conference will help address some of these issues.

The conference will begin with registration at the Student Center at KCC from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., followed by the general session titled, "Parenting Someone Else's Child."

Workshops that will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: "Helping Children Make Changes"; "40 Assets for Today's Teens"; and "How to Navigate the Court and DHS Process."

Lunch and networking with other participants will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., more workshops will be offered: "More Than Just Saying 'No'"; "Power of Play - Birth to

Toddler"; and "ADD/ADHD."

The closing session, from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m., will include an evaluation of the conference by participants and door prize giveaways, including a boy's bicycle and a girl's bicycle.

Lunch will be provided for all participants, as well as assistance with transportation for each family attending. Day care services will be available, but on a limited basis. Register early if day care is needed.

To register for the "Relative Caregiver Conference", contact Sherie Bailey at (989) 344-3084; Crawford County DHS, 230 Huron St. in Grayling. Registration deadline is April 30.

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Red Cross held local blood drives

The Crawford County American Red Cross held two blood drives in March.

On March 4, a blood drive was held at Grayling High School. There were 83 pints drawn.

The 19 first time donors were: Casandra Allison, Katie Annabel, Michael Boylan, Heaven Daniel-Clifton, Tiffany Davis, Stephen Grove, Jamie Hagerman, Sean Hernandez, Donald Johnson, Ronald Lukas, Ashley McMann, Roy Merithew, Jesse Odden, Krista Schultz, Christopher Smith, Ethan Studer, Ethan Tilson, Jonathan Webb and Bradley Trenary.

A one gallon pin was presented to Michelle Decker.

On March 6, a blood drive was held at the Frederic Elementary School, with 14 donors attending. Heather Robinson was the one first time donor.

On Thursday, May 1, a type O blood drive will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Family Center, 707 Spruce Street, Grayling, from noon - 5:45 p.m.

A community blood drive will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at the American Legion, Grayling, from noon - 5:45 p.m.

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Vikings improve to 5-1 in league with two wins vs. Rams

■ *Varsity baseball team defeats Harbor Springs 8-0, 9-8 at GHS on Tuesday night*

The GHS varsity baseball team posted a 4-2 record last week. The Vikings swept Harbor Springs in a league series on Tuesday, split with Gaylord in a nonconference

doubleheader on Thursday, and posted a 1-1 record at Saturday's Standish Sterling Tournament.

On Tuesday, Grayling defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 8-0, 9-8 at GHS. The Vikings improved their conference record to 5-1 with the two victories.

In game one of the series,

Rich Schreiber pitched a one-hitter for Grayling. He finished with 13 strikeouts. At the plate, Geo Bindschatel was 3 for 3 with two doubles. Ethan Neuberger had two hits and two RBIs. Josh Stapleton hit a two-run home run.

In the second game, the Rams led 8-4 going into the bottom of the sixth (final)

inning. The Vikings loaded the bases and Stapleton was hit by a pitch, forcing in one run. Rocky McNamara stepped to the plate and hit the second pitch of the at-bat off the scoreboard in center field for a walk-off grand slam. Schreiber, who pitched in the top of the sixth

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See "VIKINGS..."

Varsity softball team sweeps Harbor Springs

■ *Vikings post 8-3, 11-0 conference wins vs. Rams on Tuesday night at GHS*

The Vikings of Grayling High School won both games of a varsity softball series vs. the Harbor Springs Rams last Tuesday at GHS.

Grayling won the first game of the series 8-3. Joni Bindschatel pitched all six innings for Grayling. She allowed three hits, walked eight, and struck out three.

Alyssa Lewis was 1 for 3 with a triple, two runs scored, two RBIs, and two steals. Cayla Johnson was 1 for 2 with a home run, two RBIs, a walk, and one stolen base. Sam Schreiber was 2 for 3 with a triple, a double, two RBIs, two runs scored, and one stolen base. Kirstie Wakeley was 1 for 2 with a double and one run scored.

Kelsey Neuberger was the winning pitcher for Grayling in game two's 11-0 victory.

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Photo by Caleb Casey

Josh Stapleton hits a home run during game one of last Tuesday's doubleheader vs. Harbor Springs.



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Kelsey Neuberger pitches against the Harbor Springs Rams on Tuesday.

JV Vikings outscore Gaylord 32-1 in two wins

■ *Baseball team improves to 4-3 with 17-1, 15-0 victories vs. Gaylord Blue Devils*

Grayling High School's junior varsity baseball squad outscored the Gaylord Blue Devils 32-1 in two victories last Thursday at GHS.

The Vikings won the first game of the series 17-1 in three innings. Zach Wolcott pitched all three innings for Grayling. He finished with four strikeouts and he retired 10 of the 13 batters he faced.

"A pretty good pitching performance," Coach Rob Aubry said.

Grayling won the second game of the doubleheader by a final score of 15-0 in four innings. Joe Tottingham pitched for Grayling, finishing with eight strikeouts and two walks.

"It was Joe's first time pitching on the mound, he did a real nice job," Coach Aubry said.

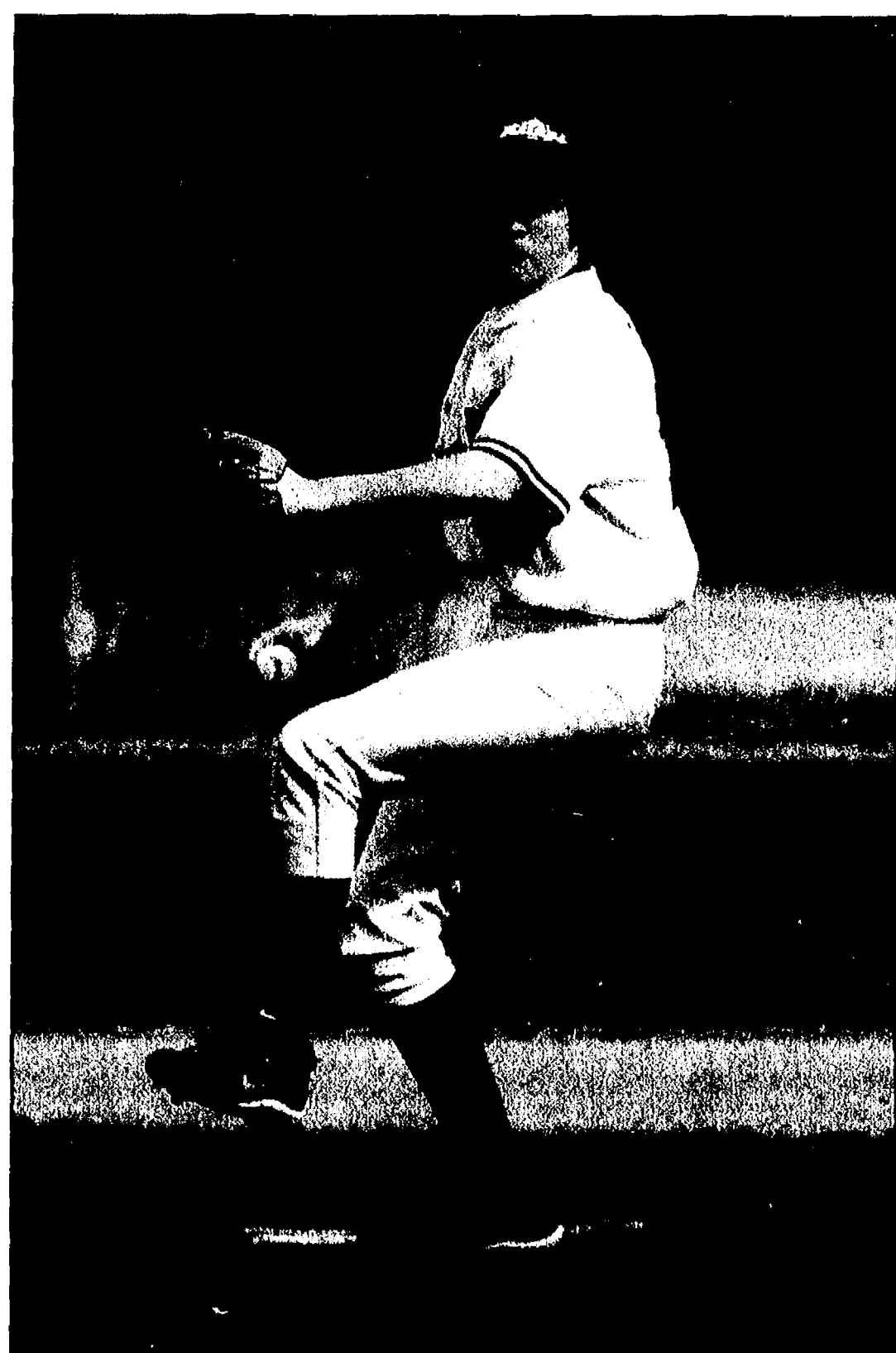
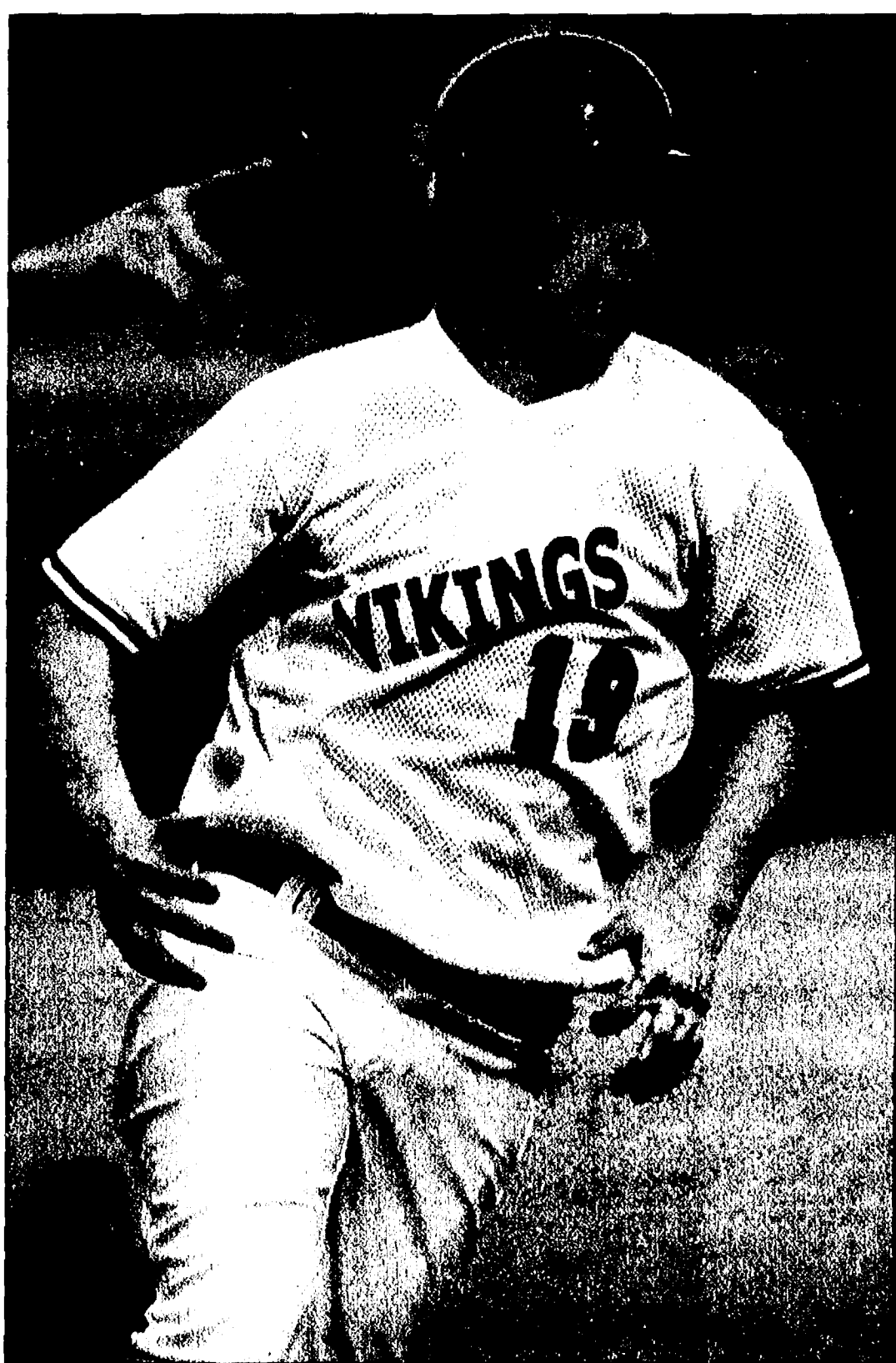
The Vikings batted over .600 as a team vs. the Blue Devils. Wolcott hit a three-run home run for Grayling in the first game of the series.

The Vikings won 4-3 at Harbor Springs last Tuesday. The second game of the series was called due to darkness after three innings, with Harbor Springs leading 4-3.

Jensen Aubry and Jake Helsel pitched for Grayling in the 4-3

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Joey Contreras, left, rounds third base during last Thursday's series vs. Gaylord. Zach Wolcott, right, pitches against the Blue Devils.

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Track squads compete in league meet at Charlevoix

The GHS track and field squad competed in a four-team conference meet at Charlevoix last Monday. Grayling's boys team placed second and the girls team placed third in overall team points.

"Jason Drudge won the mile in 4:35, the two-mile in 10:26, and then came back in the next event and ran the fourth leg in the mile relay to just edge out Charlevoix at the finish," said Matt Collins, coach of Grayling's boys track team. "Isaac VanNuck won the high jump for the third straight meet with a jump of 6'1". He also won the (200-meter dash) in an awesome 23.73. Dustin Schutt did really well with winning first place in the discus with a (personal record) of 117'.5", with (Matt) Letts right behind him for second place with a 114'7.5". Freshman Cody Myers is coming on strong this year with a fourth in the 100-meter dash and a fourth in the 200-meter dash."

Ryan Cooper won the 400-meter dash. Colin Hamlin took third in the 800-meter run. Nick McDonald took fifth in the two-mile run. The 4x400-meter relay team - VanNuck, Matt McDonald, Cooper, and Drudge - placed first. Brady Coe took fourth in the long jump.

"This was our first meet to see conference athletes. We had some extremely strong performances and some personal records accomplished. When any athlete does that you know it is a good day. We ended up having seven first place finishes in the meet. We do not have the size of the Charlevoix team, with them more than doubling our team's size, but we scored 69 in the meet where they scored 108.5 to place first. We do not have the depth to

beat a team more than double (our) size, but to do what we do is exciting because most of our athletes are right there competing for the top spot," Coach Collins said.

"We have a really competitive team and an exciting team. When you see Jason Drudge and Isaac VanNuck dominate their events, that is exciting," Coach Collins said. "The weather was perfect. The team did a really good job. I was really happy with their performance today."

Grayling's girls track team won two relay events and the 100-meter dash at Charlevoix, and placed well in several other events.

Placements for Grayling's girls team included: Brianna Kirk, 1st, 100-meter dash; Hailey McMahon, 2nd, 100-meter dash, 1st, 200-meter dash; Rachel Ward, 1st 400-meter dash, 2nd, high jump, 4th long jump; Laura Boylan, 2nd shot put, 3rd, discus; Heaven Bergman, 3rd, shot put, 5th, discus; Becky Hohl, 4th, discus; Jamie Hagerman, 2nd, 200-meter dash, 5th, long jump; Haley Wiseman, 4th, hurdles; Hagerman, Annie Melroy, McMahon, Kirk, 1st, 400-meter relay; Hagerman, Melroy, Ward, McMahon, 1st, 800-meter relay.

Grayling had 57 team points. Charlevoix scored 80 points, Harbor Springs had 74, and Elk Rapids had 27.

"(The) girls ran very well tonight, and it's hard to believe we didn't win the overall race. We just don't have the depth that Charlevoix does to take a win from them. Overall, we had more top performances than any other team. If we scored only the top three places, we would have beat them," Coach Tim Gariglio said.

Grayling's girls team won four events at the Garner Relays event at Harrison last Friday.

Grayling's winning groups



Jason Drudge runs in a long distance event for the Vikings.

included: Hagerman, Melroy, Ward, McMahon, 1st, 800-meter relay; Hagerman, Melroy, McMahon, Kirk, 1st, 400-meter relay; Kirk, McMahon, Hagerman, Ward, 1st, sprint medley; Hagerman, McMahon, Ward, Richelle Grosskopf, 1st (tie), long jump.

Grayling's boys team competed in the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational on Friday, April 18. The meet included a total of 35 teams - 15 of which were in Grayling's division. The Vikings finished eighth in total team points.

VanNuck won the high jump with a 6'0" jump. Letts finished seventh in the shot put with a 40'3" throw, and sixth in the discus event with a throw of 115'1". The 1600-meter relay team of VanNuck, M. McDonald, Cooper, and Drudge took fifth place (3:37.53). Drudge also

took third place in the one-mile run.

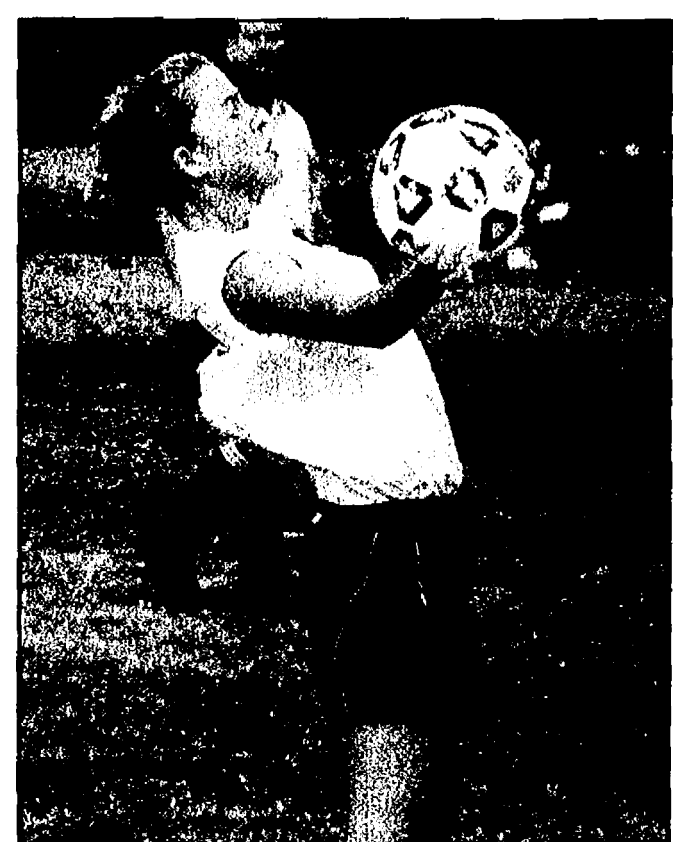
"It was really hot out, and there were 35 boys teams at the meet. It was a big meet. This meet may have been a little intimidating, but it was very beneficial for them because they learned a lot from it, and I feel it brought them more confidence. The weather was very hot and a lot of the kids felt it as the meet went on. This meet was good for us, and it showed me as a coach where we stand as a team. Overall, I was proud of my team to come in and compete. We had a lot of good and great performances, and the kids were able to show that this northern Michigan team has some strong events and a lot of potential," Coach Collins said.

The track teams will compete in the Cheboygan Invitational on Friday, May 2.

Soccer team falls to Elk Rapids, 8-0



Lindsay Brooks, left, takes a throw-in for Grayling during last Monday's varsity girls soccer game against the Elk Rapids Elks. Iva Haven, right, stops an airborne ball for the Vikings on Monday night. Elk Rapids won the contest by a final score of 8-0.



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victory. Aubry pitched the first four innings, and Helsel pitched the last two innings.

On Friday, April 18, the Vikings lost two home games vs. East Jordan by final scores of 10-5 and 6-5.

In the squad's season opener on Tuesday, April 15, the Vikings split a series at Boyne City. The Ramblers won the first game 1-0 in extra innings. Grayling won 2-0 in the second game of the doubleheader.

Aubry pitched seven of eight innings for Grayling in the first

game of the night. He struck out 11 batters and allowed only one hit and one walk. Tyler Hanson and Wolcott pitched for GHS in the second game.

"We started off the season kind of slow," Coach Aubry said. "Even though we did lose a few games, they were close games."

Coach Aubry said that being able to get outside and practice on the field consistently has helped the squad get better by working on areas that need improvement.

"We've been able to be specific at practice and get better,"

Coach Aubry said.

Ethan Lewis is the team's leading hitter through eight games with a .692 average (9 for 13). Lewis hit a two-run home run vs. East Jordan.

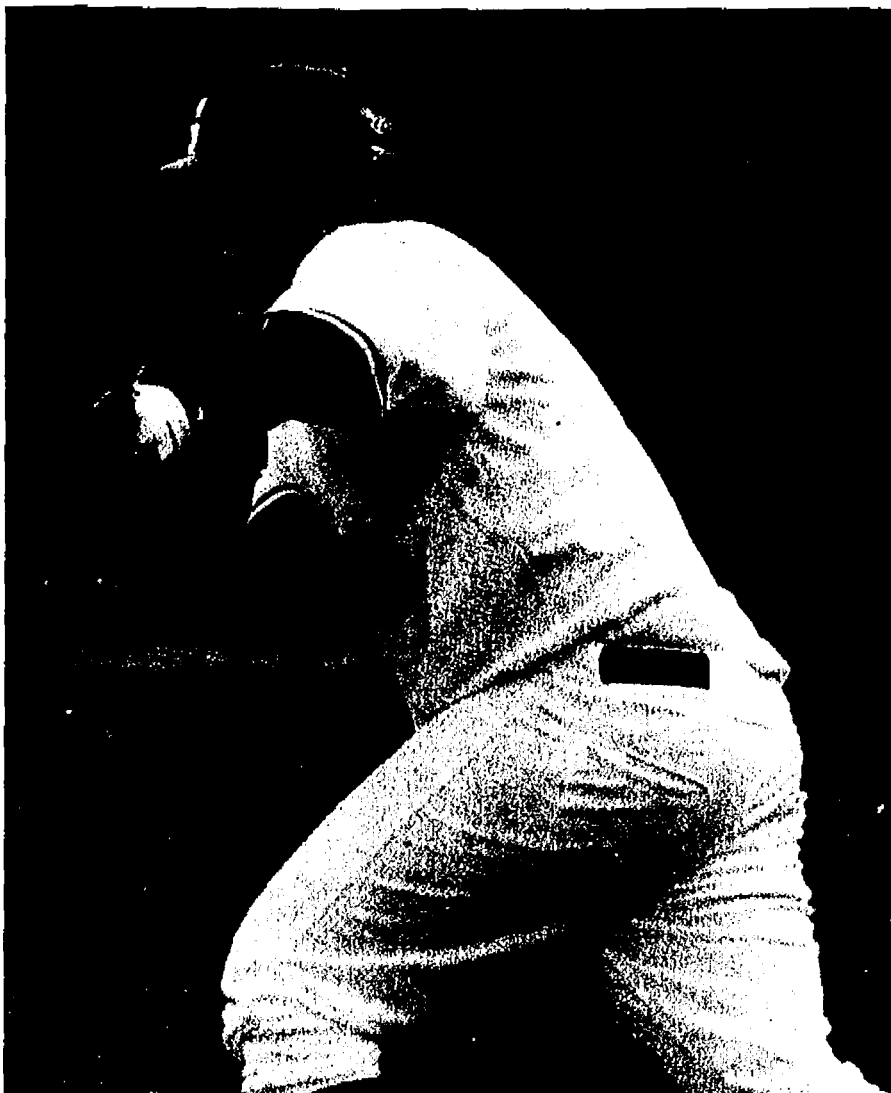
"We've had really good hitting from Ethan Lewis. He's hitting the cover off the ball right now," Coach Aubry said.

"We've also had good hitting from Jensen Aubry, Zach Wolcott, and Jake Helsel. Tyler Hanson is leading the team in stolen bases - I think he has eight already. Matt Hellebuyck is really working hard. Against Harbor Springs he

made two catches in the outfield, running catches, that I haven't seen a lot of JV players make. Joey Contreras has been solid behind the plate and in center field. Will Ryan went 4 for 4 against Gaylord, that was exciting to see him do that. Luke Schneider has been consistent at second base."

"I think we're going to see some good things by the time the season is over," Coach Aubry said.

The Vikings (4-3) will host Tawas on Thursday, May 1, at 4 p.m.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Will Ryan, left, hits the ball for the Vikings on Thursday night vs. Gaylord. Ethan Lewis, right, runs to third base on Thursday.



Olivia Peters, left, throws the ball to the infield from center field on Thursday night. Catcher Ashley Jensen, right, stops a ball during last week's series vs. Gaylord.

JV softball team falls to Ogemaw, EJ

The GHS Vikings lost both games of a JV softball doubleheader at West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday. The

Falcons won the series 15-0, 15-0.

"Ogemaw was a tough team - good pitchers and a defense to back it up," Coach Jessica Henderson said. "My girls just couldn't get their bats around on the ball. If we were able to get a couple hits and cleaned up fielding-wise, we would have been fine."

The Vikings also lost two games vs. the East Jordan Red Devils on April 18. East Jordan

defeated the Vikings 22-4, 18-8.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: (game one) Ann Hamlin, 2 for 2, 1 single, 1 double; Shalee Miller, 1 for 2, 1 triple, 1 RBI; Abbey Thomas, 1 for 2, 1 single, 2 RBIs; Katie Lange, 1 for 1, 1 single, 1 RBI; (game two) Teresa Schreiber, 3 for 4, 2 doubles, 1 single; Makenna Harwood, 2 for 3, 2 singles, 1 RBI; Ashley Jensen, 1 for 2, 1 single.

"Simple mistakes are what brought us down, but like I have

said before, we are young, they will learn," Coach Henderson said.

The Vikings will host Tawas on Thursday, May 1.



Second baseman Teresa Schreiber throws to first.

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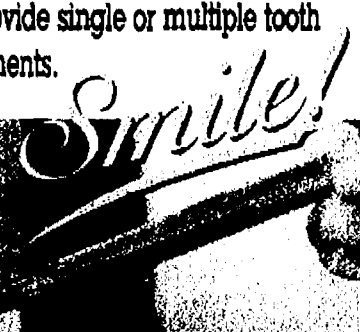
Monica Peters, left, hits a pitch during Tuesday's series against Harbor Springs. Rachel Ward, right, runs to third base during Wednesday's doubleheader vs. Ogemaw Heights.



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"Alyssa racked up eight hits this week from the lead-off spot, including a 3 for 3 performance against Harbor Springs with two singles, a triple, and three runs scored," her coach said.

Varsity softball team sweeps Harbor Springs

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Neuberger allowed two hits and struck out five batters in five innings.

Lewis was 3 for 3 with two singles, a triple, and three runs scored. Johnson was 1 for 3 with a single, two runs scored, and three RBIs. Schreiber was 2 for 3 with a double, a single, two runs scored, and two RBIs. Monica Peters was 2 for 3 with a double and a single. Neuberger was 1 for 3 with a single and one run scored. Wakeley was 1 for 2 with a single.

"It was nice to get our first two wins of the season. We did a nice job of limiting errors on defense and forcing errors offensively. We hit the ball hard, totaling eight extra-base hits in the doubleheader," Coach Keri Brock said.

The Vikings lost both games of a nonconference series vs. West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday at GHS.

Ogemaw won 14-2 in game one and 16-1 in game two.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: (game one) Lewis, 1 for 3, 1 triple, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base; Bindschatel, 1 for 3, 1 single; Rachel Ward, 1 for 3, 1 single; Neuberger, 1 for 2, 1 single; (game two) Schreiber, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 run scored; Bindschatel, 2 for 2, 2 singles, 1 RBI.

"Our Ogemaw game was a disappointing showing. There was no consistency on defense, and walks and wild pitches prevented us from ever getting back in it. Ogemaw scored 14 runs on just four hits in game one. Game two was more of the same. We couldn't put up the offensive firepower to offset the errors on defense," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings lost two games at Gaylord on Friday night by final scores of 3-0 and 15-1.

Leading hitters for the Vikings were: Johnson, 1 for 3, 1 single; Megan Etzler, 1 for 3, 1 single; Bindschatel, 1 for 3, 1 double; Calkins, 1 for 2, 1 single; (game two) Lewis, 2 for 3, 1 double, 1 single, 1 run; Schreiber, 1 for 3, 1 single; Bindschatel, 1 for 3, 1



Photos by Caleb Casey

Third baseman Cayla Johnson catches a pop fly during Tuesday's series vs. Harbor Springs.

single; Peters, 1 for 3, 1 single.

"The (first) Gaylord game was a hard-fought three-run loss. Kelsey pitched a good game and our defense held strong. We stranded runners in scoring position four times and just couldn't manage to push a run across. Game two was a different story. We reverted to bad habits on defense and dug ourselves into too many 0-2 counts on offense. A good pitcher will take advantage of that and (Gaylord's pitcher) did just that," Coach Brock said.

After three doubleheaders during the week, the Vikings played three games on Saturday at the Standish Tournament.

The Vikings lost to Standish (17-2), Houghton Lake (10-1), and Gladwin (13-2).

Leading hitters for GHS included: (vs. Standish) Johnson, 1 for 2, 1 single; Schreiber, 1 for 2, 1 double, 1 run scored; Etzler, 1 for 2, 1 single; Bindschatel, 1 for 1, 1 single; (vs. Houghton Lake) Johnson, 2 for 3, 1 double, 1 single, 1 run scored; Schreiber, 1 for 3, 1 single, 1 RBI; Neuberger, 2 for 3, 2 singles; Wakeley, 2 for 3, 2 singles; Ward, 1 for 3, 1 single; (vs. Gladwin) Lewis, 1 for 3, 1 double, 1 run; Schreiber, 2 for 2, 2 singles, 1 RBI; Neuberger, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 run scored.

"We didn't put forth a good effort in the Standish Tournament. We were outplayed, plain and simple. It's very tough playing nine games in five days. We made many of the same mistakes due to the fact that we were unable to practice and correct those errors. This week tested our mental toughness. We have the opportunity to get better and I'm looking forward to seeing how the girls will deal with this adversity," Coach Brock said.

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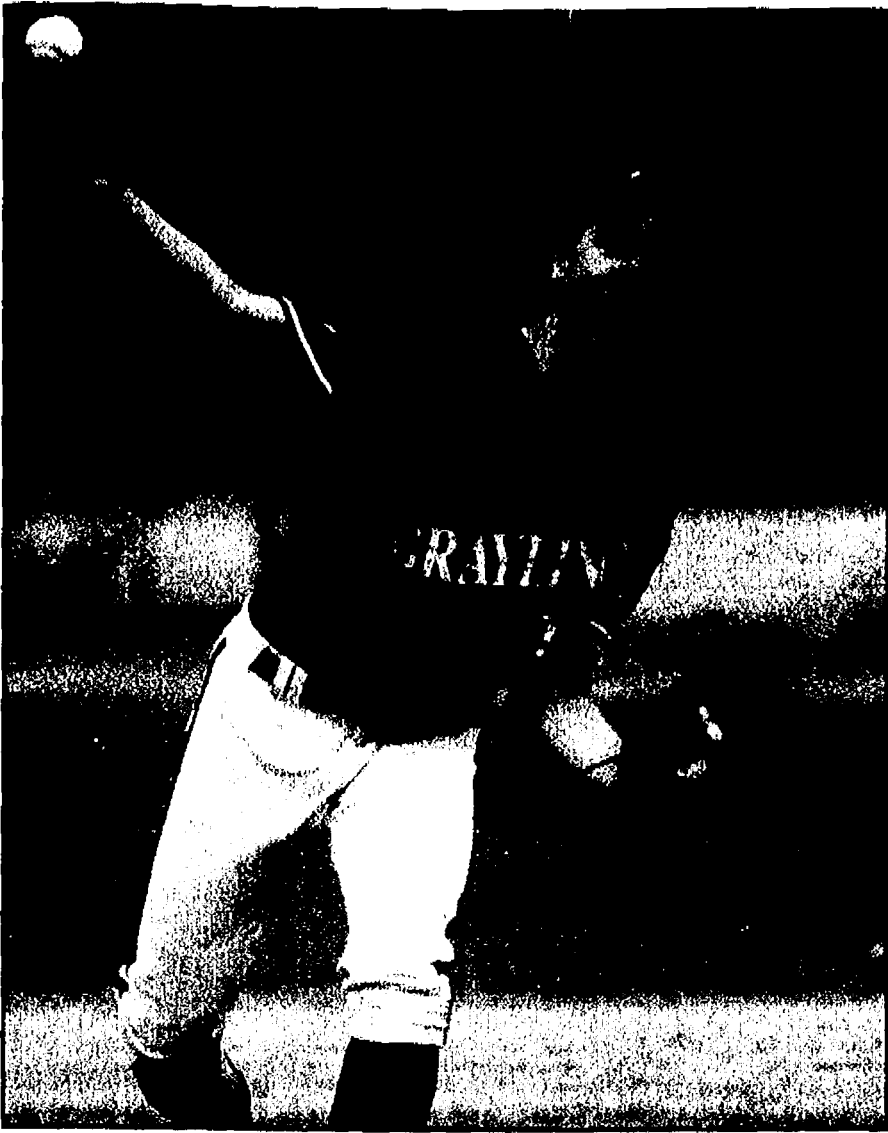
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Rich Schreiber, left, pitches for Grayling on Tuesday night vs. the Harbor Springs Rams. Ethan Neuberger, right, puts a ball in play during Tuesday's doubleheader.

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Vikings improve to 5-1 in league with two wins vs. Rams

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inning, striking out two batters, picked up the win.

McNamara had two hits and five RBIs in the contest. Schreiber hit a home run and had two RBIs. Stapleton was 2 for 2 with one RBI.

On Thursday, the Vikings lost 7-0 in the first game of a nonconference series at Gaylord.

Stapleton pitched for Grayling. He struck out seven batters and allowed only five hits, but errors hurt Grayling's chances.

"(We) had some lapses on defense at the wrong time," Coach John Schneider said.

On offense, Schreiber had two hits for Grayling. McNamara, Bindshatel, and Stapleton each had one hit.

In game two of the series, Mike Davis pitched for Grayling in a contest the Vikings won by a final score of 20-2.

"Davis gave up three hits, and looked very good on the mound," Coach Schneider said.

The Vikings scored 20 runs on 16 hits in three innings. Stapleton was 2 for 2 with a triple, three RBIs, and four runs scored.

Schreiber had three hits (two doubles) and three RBIs. Andy Hulbert had two hits and two RBIs. Taylor Desenfants also had two hits and two RBIs.

"We finally started to hit the ball," Coach Schneider said.

On Saturday, the Vikings competed in the Standish Tournament. Grayling defeated Gladwin to advance to the cham-

pionship round. Standish defeated Grayling in the tournament title game.

Desenfants and Schreiber pitched against Gladwin, with Schreiber, who struck out six batters in two innings of relief work, picking up the victory. Desenfants struck out five batters and allowed three earned runs.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Stapleton scored on a base hit by Schreiber to win the game for Grayling. Schreiber, Stapleton, and Desenfants each had two hits for Grayling. Desenfants had two RBIs.

In the championship game, the Vikings fell to Standish, 15-5.

"Schreiber started the game but left with a tired arm and got the loss. Jensen Aubry came in

and pitched very well for a freshman, giving up five hits. We committed six errors, had five passed balls, and just didn't play well in the field," Coach Schneider said.

Eric Ferrigan had two hits for Grayling. Aubry had a double and two RBIs.

"We are off to a pretty good start with an 8-4 record, and tied for first (in the Lake Michigan Conference) with a 5-1 record. We have been finding ways to win, and that is what good teams do," Coach Schneider said.

The Vikings (8-4 overall, 5-1 conference) will play at Tawas on Friday, May 2.



Sean Hernandez, left, rounds third base during last week's series vs. Harbor Springs. Peter Alexander, right, hits a pitch vs. the Rams on Tuesday.

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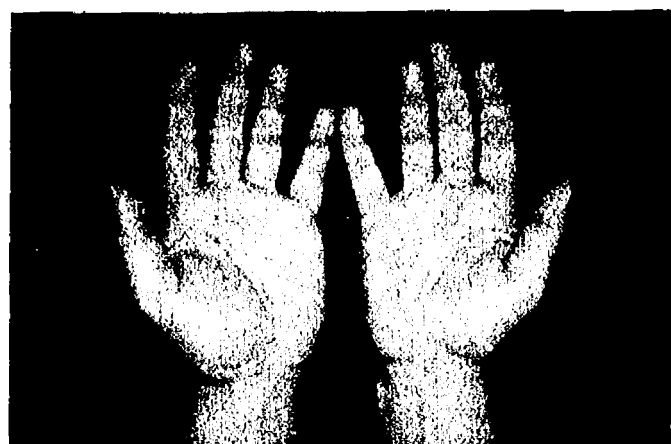
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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICKY A. REED, a/k/a RICKY ARLEE REED, a single man, Mortgagor, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2005, and recorded August 10, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 688, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 83/100 Dollars (\$26,150.83), including interest at 13.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 161, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 4, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Crawford County Records, including all improvements attached thereto.

Commonly known as 401 Alexia Lane, Grayling, MI 49738
Tax ID: 20-040-45-283-00-161-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: April 9, 2008

First National Bank of America
Mortgage
By: Randall T. LeVasseur P41712
LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 586-1200

-17-24-1-8-15

Dated: April 10, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.

City of Grayling PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Grayling Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on May 20, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Grayling City Hall to receive public input on a zoning change for the properties:

20-070-181-009-0005-01, aka as 800 Michigan Avenue and 20-070-181-009-006-00, aka as 804 Michigan Avenue from R-2 (Multiple Family Residential) to C-2 (Professional Office).

Written comments will be received by the City Clerk until May 16, 2008.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact The Grayling City Office at 989-348-2131 seven days prior to the meeting.

Michele A. Moshier, City Clerk
City of Grayling
1020 City Boulevard / P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gaylord Sims and Kathleen Sims, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 2005 and recorded February 22, 2005 in Liber 673, Page 854, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-One and 65/100 Dollars (\$64,561.65) including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 14, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence North 0 degrees 49 minutes West (along the East Section line) 657.90 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 1499.82 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 33 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West 16.5 feet; thence North 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds West 624.84 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East 16.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East 624.84 feet to the point of beginning, being part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways. Parcel 2: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; thence West 12 rods to the point of beginning; thence South 38 rods; thence West 8 rods; thence North 38 rods; thence East 8 rods to the point of beginning. Being the same more or less but subject to all legal highways.

The redemption period shall be 6

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 10, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 285.3757
-10-17-24-1

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gerald A. Balmes and Vivian D. Balmes of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank successor in interest to Old Kent Bank dated the 6th day of October, A.D. 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 2000, Liber 520 Page 345 of Crawford Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$25,102.62 (twenty-five thousand one hundred two and 62/100) plus accrued interest at 10.350% (ten point three five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 28th day of May, A.D., 2008, at 10:00:00 AM o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, Michigan:
PARCEL 30: A parcel of land being part of the East 1/2 of Section 8, Town 25

North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 8, thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds West, 299.59 feet; thence South 80 degrees 52 minutes 01 seconds West, 203.78 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds West, 202.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 12 minutes 41 seconds East, 310.25 feet; thence North 81 degrees 17 minutes 42 seconds East, 203.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 12 minutes 41 seconds West, 341.65 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: Lot 30 Balmes Trail
PPN: 050-008-013-020-30

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 1, 2008

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)

Attorney for Plaintiff

Welman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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WWR# 10012323

-1-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT OF ABANDONED PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3241(a)

THE PREPARER OF THIS NOTICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth J. Ross and Laura Ann Ross, husband and wife, of 11685 N E 223rd Place, Ft. McCoy, FL 32134, Mortgagors, to Firstbank West Branch, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 25, 1997, at

Liber 425 Pages 534-539, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due hereof the sum of Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Eight and 12/100 (\$45,848.12) Dollars including interest at 7.75% percent per annum

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan; NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, in the main entrance of the County Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due in principal and interest on the mortgage and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the mortgaged premises described as follows.

A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 32, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on the Section line 624.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East 294.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East 150.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West 294.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West 150.0 feet to the point of beginning.

Street Address: 11655 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon

The redemption period pursuant to MCLA 600.3241(a) shall be thirty days (30) from the date of the sale. During the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless the mortgagor or anyone claiming under the mortgagor shall comply with the provisions of 1948 MCLA 600.3241a (c), in which case the property may be redeemed during the six (6) months immediately following the sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest, any unpaid encumbrances on the property, and any advances paid by the Mortgagee. For additional information, contact Danny Gallagher, Firstbank West Branch, of 502 W. Houghton Ave., PO Box 335, West Branch, Michigan 48661, or the preparer of this Notice.

Dated: April 4, 2008
JUÁREZ & JUÁREZ, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
132 South Eighth
West Branch, MI 48661
(989) 345-0601

-24-1-8-15

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test of the May 6, 2008 Kalkaska School Board Election/Bond Issue and Crawford AuSable School Board Election has been scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 1 p.m. at the Bear Lake Community Center, 198 E. Bear Lake Rd. Kalkaska, MI 49646.

THE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Carol Rosenberg
Bear Lake Township Clerk
231-258-4359

NOTICE

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This notice is published pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section 6104(d) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and in compliance with the provisions thereof.
Raymond D. Gage, Principal Manager 989-745-3596.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Emalyne Masella, A Single Woman to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2005 and recorded June 6, 2005 in Liber 675 Page 780 and re-recorded February 21, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 362 in Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-0PT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-0PT2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$103,241.20) including interest 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00 AM on May 21, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 86.5 feet of the Southeast one-quarter and the South 33 feet of the West 86.5 feet of the Northeast one-quarter of Lot 5, Block 4, Marha M. Brink's 1st Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 103 Date St, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 11, 2008 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-0PT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-0PT2,

Assignee of Mortgage
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-86614

-17-24-1-8

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale A. Cox and Christine G. Cox, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated January 10, 2003, and recorded on January 21, 2003 in Liber 616 on Page 544, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Seven And 11/100 Dollars (\$87,127.11), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel D-1: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11, thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, along the West line of said Section, 998.99 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds East, 691.25 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, 332.52 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds West, along said North 1/8 line, 691.25 feet to the West line of said section; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, along said West section line, 333.20 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and together with a 30 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public utilities, said easement lying 15 feet either side of the centerline described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, along the West line of said Section, 1332.19 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds East, along said North 1/8 line, 691.25 feet; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, 554.1 feet to the Point of Beginning of the centerline of said 30 foot wide easement; thence along said centerline the following two courses: South 78 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds West, 196.09 feet; thence North 88 degrees 10 minutes 02 seconds West, 339.22 feet to the centerline of an existing North-South trail road and the Point of Ending.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #197389F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack Vaughn and Dorothy Vaughn, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Arbor Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005, and recorded on June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 52, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen And 69/100 Dollars (\$11,916.69), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West along the West line of said Section 2325.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds East 901.81 feet; thence South 10 degrees 38 East 229 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West 946.04 feet to the West line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East 225 feet to the Point of Beginning, this parcel runs to the centerline of Kolka Creek.

Parcel 2: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, described as: commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 39 seconds West, along the West line of said Section 2549.93 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 51 seconds East 872.32 feet; thence South 09 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East 114.45 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 54 seconds West, 892.91 feet to the West line of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East along the West line 112.21 feet to the Point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank A. Antonini, Jr., and Sandra L. Antonini, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2006, and recorded on September 7, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 991, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty And 54/100 Dollars (\$353,940.54), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, thence North 1 degrees 06 minutes West 1781.73 feet along Section line; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 134.1 feet; thence South 25 degrees 40 minutes East 25.00 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of Beginning; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 785.75 feet, thence South 27 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds West 201.29 feet on Traverse line along the Western Bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River, thence South 20 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds West 120.25 feet along said traverse line; thence South 51 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds West 537.50 feet, thence North 25 degrees 40 minutes West 175.0 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of beginning. Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Lot Lines extend to the Waters Edge.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
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-24-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Diane Wakeley, a Married Woman, John Wakeley, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 22, 2005, and recorded on August 2, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 478, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight And 64/100 Dollars (\$74,388.64), including interest at 12.05% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block 1, Karen Woods, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
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-10-17-24-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Willis J. Sylvester and Cathy A. Sylvester, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Plymouth Exchange Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on May 5, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 303, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight And 70/100 Dollars (\$73,488.70), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence North 233.0 feet to the place of beginning; thence North 100.0 feet, thence East 150.0 feet, thence South 100.0 feet, thence West 150.0 feet to the place of beginning, being part of North 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 10, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
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-10-17-24-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR

ELECTION NOTICE NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY STATE OF MICHIGAN GERRISH-HIGGINS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO BE HELD MAY 6, 2008

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- TWO FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS ENDING 6-30-2012
- TO FILL VACANCY EXPIRING 6-30-2009
- GERRISH-HIGGINS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TWO (2) PROPOSALS**
 - BOND PROPOSAL
 - OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL (18 MILLS FOR 2008)

FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSAL MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF GERRISH-HIGGINS SCHOOL DISTRICT, 702 LAKE STREET, ROSCOMMON, MICHIGAN 48653. 989-275-6600 OR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 500 LAKE ST., ROSCOMMON 989-275-5923.

POLLING PLACES:

GERRISH-HIGGINS SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRECINCT 1 - LYON TOWNSHIP
7851 W. HIGGINS LAKE RD., HIGGINS LAKE

PRECINCT 2 - HIGGINS TOWNSHIP
700 S. FIFTH ST., ROSCOMMON, MI
BEAVER CREEK (CRAWFORD CO.)
HIGGINS TOWNSHIP
SOUTH BRANCH (CRAWFORD CO.)

PRECINCT 3 - RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP
1410 N. M-76, ST. HELEN MI
RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP
AUSABLE TOWNSHIP
PRECINCT 4 - GERRISH TOWNSHIP
2997 E. HIGGINS LAKE DR., ROSCOMMON
GERRISH TOWNSHIP

TOWNSHIPS IN BOLD ARE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THAT PRECINCT. ALL POLLING PLACES ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

ANN M. BONK,
ROSCOMMON COUNTY CLERK

I, Joseph V. Wakeley, Treasurer of Crawford County, Michigan hereby certify that as of April 22, 2008 the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in the Gerrish Higgins School District, Crawford and Roscommon Counties, Michigan is as follows:

By Crawford County:	.75 mills for Public Transit, indefinite .50 mills for Commission on aging, indefinite .50 mills for Recreation, through 2020 .90 mills for Public Safety, through 2009 .45 mills for Library Operations, through 2011.
By South Branch Township:	1.00 mills for Operations, through 2024
By the School District:	No millage currently in effect
April 22, 2008	Joseph V. Wakeley

Grayling Township Zoning Board to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Tuesday, May 19th, 2008, at 7 p.m., in the town hall to hear public comment on the following requests:

Case # 08-02 Request for variance
Petitioner: Mark J. O'Brien
Address: 6247 Bristol
Swartz Creek, MI 48473
Local Address: 8060 Finch
Grayling, MI 49738
Property ID# 040-45-620-04-018-00
Location: T26N, R4W, Sec.15
Zoning: General Residential (R-2)
Lot size: 1,500 sf
Request: Addition (24' x 24') to rear of existing structure (after removal of a previous 8' X24' lean-to) to increase square footage to conformance with minimum square footage requires a five-foot variance between addition and western property line. Square footage of finished residence will be 1,056 sf.
Zoning justification: Ordinance 2003-02, Article XVII, Section 17.01
Ordinance 2003-02, Article VII, Section 7.06

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing. Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions regarding to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry R. Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



May 2, 1985 - Four students, from each of the four fourth grade rooms at Grayling Elementary School, competed for the spell-down championship, which was won by Caleb Casey (holding trophy). Casey went on to compete in the COOR area principals' spell-down and placed second.

23 Years Ago
May 2, 1985

DNR forest firefighters stopped a runaway blaze in South Branch Township last Tuesday, despite winds gusting at more than 17 miles an hour. The Roscommon County Sheriff's Department received an anonymous call at about 4:10 p.m. about a forest fire. Minutes later, as eight fire-fighting DNR units from Grayling, Mio and Roscommon arrived, the fire had already spread to 17 acres.

GHS sophomore Amy Smith took first place in Serious Interpretation for grades 9-10, at regional competition in Standish - Sterling, to qualify for state finals

at the University of Michigan on Saturday, May 4. Another GHS sophomore, Kim McDonough, took 7th place at regionals in Extemporaneous Speaking.

The first Grayling Home Show, sponsored by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, has been postponed until next year. Norma Naour, chairwoman for the event, said not enough businesses were able to participate because this is a busy time of year for them.

46 Years Ago
May 3, 1962

The senior class of Grayling High School leaves Grayling at 9 a.m. by school bus for Saginaw. In Saginaw, the group will be

met by a tour director, and leave by Greyhound Bus for Washington, D.C. to spend two days touring the nation's capitol. They are accompanied by class sponsor Art Thayer and Mrs. Thayer, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wyman of Beaver Creek, as chaperones.

The float entered in the Kalkaska Trout Festival for Grayling, by the sophomore class of Grayling High School, won third place in the competition. It was not judged against other school entries, but was in general competition with all of the floats entered. The theme of the float was "Grayling - Year Around Playground."

Science Incorporated, the rocket club of the county's young men, sent up a payload rocket last week. A live mouse was boosted three hundred and fifty feet in the air, and the rocket containing him returned to earth by parachute. The mouse was returned uninjured during his trip. Only three members of the club were on hand for the launching, which took place at the softball field in the recreation area.

Richard Gearhart, formerly of Mancelona, has purchased the AuSable Cafe on Cedar Street from Frederick Schaefer, who owned the business since April of 1957.

An announcement last week, by United States Congressman Elford A. Cedarberg in Washington, D.C., stated that Sherman Christopher Neal has been appointed as a cadet at the

United States Military Academy at West Point.

69 Years Ago
May 4, 1939

Scholastic honors for the class of 1939 were announced and valedictorian goes to Emil Tahvonen, with Kenneth Peterson as salutatorian.

Clare Madsen has been granted a building permit for the construction of a sawmill and a woodworking plant on Huron Street, opposite of the Kerry and Hanson Flooring Co.

Sam Smith is the new clerk at the Connine Grocery, beginning his duties on Monday. His position in the welfare office is being filled by Floyd SanCartier.

92 Years Ago
May 4, 1916

Jess Schoonover has gone into the auto livery business and will have his headquarters at Shoppenagon's Inn.

The Olaf Sorenson & Sons ice cream parlor has been redecorated in a Tiffany design. This is new in Grayling and is attracting a lot of attention. The work was done by Waldemar Jensen.

The baseball season in Grayling opened Friday, when the local and Frederic high school teams crossed bats on the home lot. Karpus and Doroh were on the firing line for Grayling and Johnson and Wilcox for Frederic. Frederic won the hard fought game.

Dr. C.R. Keyport has purchased the Will Havens lot on Peninsular and intends to build a house there soon.

PUZZLES

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

Puzzle 3 (Medium, difficulty rating 0.57)

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Savory Pear Pizza

- 1 prepared pizza dough crust
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 oz. grated, fresh Parmesan cheese
- 3 oz. chopped prosciutto or thinly sliced cured ham
- 1 red Anjou pear, cored and sliced very thinly
- 3 cloves garlic, minced

Preheat oven to 450°F. Place pizza crust on baking sheet. Spread olive oil and garlic over the pizza crust. Top with cheese, prosciutto and pear slices. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly. Slice and serve.

Makes 6 Servings or 1 Pizza

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

BAY	LAGOON	POOL
CANAL	LAKE	RIVER
CREEK	OCEAN	SEA
GULF	POND	STREAM

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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MAZE

HOROSCOPES

For the week of May 1, 2008

Get ready, Capricorn. A coworker is going to give you a real run for your money. Never fear. You will win with some clever maneuvering. Love shines bright at home.

December 22-January 19

Music inspires you to make a big change in your life, Aries. A make-or-break deal turns out in your favor. Celebrate with a night on the town.

March 21-April 19

Hold on a minute, Cancer. Organization should not fall by the wayside as you prepare for an event. Find out where you are and where you need to be and things will fall into place.

June 22-July 22

Please at home fall on deaf ears this week, Libra. You must get serious and take the steps necessary to see that things get done as you see fit.

September 23-October 22

You fall head over heels with an idea. Be careful how you pursue it, Aquarius. You must make sure that everything is on the up and up before you present it to others.

January 20-February 18

Poor Taurus. The more you try, the less headway you seem to make. It may be time to give the reins to someone else. You had your turn in the spotlight and now it's their turn.

April 20-May 20

You've toyed with an invention long enough. Time to test it out and see if it will work. Leo. A computer glitch is rectified fairly easily with the right help.

July 23-August 22

C'mon, Scorpio. You know you have what it takes, so cast aside those doubts that seem to plague your every move at work and show everyone you're still a player.

October 23-November 21

Waiting is agony this week, Pisces. Find something to occupy your time, like taking long strolls through the park or bike rides through your neighborhood.

February 19-March 20

Fun escapes come at you at every angle, Gemini, but this week is all about business. Push through and the reward at the end will make all of your hard work worthwhile.

May 21-June 21

Spinning yarns is not your forte, Virgo, but in order to pull off a surprise this week, you will have to create a good story fast. Get the help of a clever friend.

August 23-September 22

A battle of wills begins at home, Sagittarius, and you get the awesome job of playing mediator. Do your best to stay neutral. A financial mishap is a blessing in disguise.

November 22-December 21

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

Xena
Xena is the dog of your dreams. This lovely lady is about 2 years old and just gets along with everyone. She has already had quite a bit of training and is currently fostered so getting even more house time. Call before you come in to meet Xena as she is sometimes home with her foster mom.

Tito
Tito is a handsome 3 year old boxer mix. He is intelligent, trainable and affectionate. Tito likes other dogs and has a playful personality.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Rain	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4/22	73	40	0						
4/23	74	43	0	High 61	High 58	High 62	High 58	High 64	High 63
4/24	72	33	0	Low 45	Low 48	Low 42	Low 38	Low 41	Low 42
4/25	73	35	0.07	Mostly Cloudy	Showers	Showers	Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Showers
4/26	73	44	0.66						
4/27	47	34	0						
4/28	49	25	0						

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Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

RIVER FRONT HOME - 3 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, great views! Walkout basement has family room/fireplace w/wood insert, 2 bedrooms (office, den?) laundry, storage. 2-car attached. Large pole building, 348-8524. (3/20/08tf/1)

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 2 x6, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, with private access to mainstream AuSable, 5 miles east of Grayling, \$109,000. 348-4840. (-17-24-1-8/1)

1. Real Estate

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE: 1560 sq. ft. (asking mid seventies), 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, 2 car garage detached, new back deck 10'x29', also enclosed 10'x20' front porch, 2 storage sheds, plus 4+ acres on M-72 East, Grayling. 989-390-1680. (LR5/29/08/1)

1. Real Estate

THIS AUSABLE RIVER HOME has over 175 feet of river frontage, and is only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 square foot wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 square foot 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on the east branch, 1 mile north of Mercy hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn is watered from an underground sprinkler system and looks like a well maintained golf course. Price has been reduced from \$239,500 down to \$199,500. Lets talk. Call 989-348-0883 for showing by owner. (3/13/08tf/1)

1. Real Estate

RARE HIGGINS LAKE HOME, building site 75x100. Lakeside corner of 10656 West Higgins Lake Drive & Swanson Ave. Proximity to lake \$50,000. Land contract with 20% down. 231-779-9980. (-24-1-8-15-22-29/1)

AUSABLE RIVER - 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 2 1/2 +/- acres, 165' river front, detached garage and 12'x14' storage building. Newly remodeled. Deck only 50' from river. \$129,900. 989-348-3130. (-24-1/1)

HOBBY FARM FOR SALE. 37.5 fenced acres, idyllic country setting, surrounded by state land and trails; 2 barns, one with heated tack room; 2 feed/storage structures. 2300 sq. ft. Cape style, cedar sided home in excellent condition with attached garage/bonus room/large deck. 3 br, 2 bath, hot tub, large yard, stone fireplace, \$320,000. Call 989-344-1678. (-1-8-15-22-29/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

2. For Rent

4-5 BEDROOM, 2 car garage for rent \$650 + security, 989-390-0778. (-1/2)

NOW LEASING Arbor Court APARTMENTS Grayling - Call Pam 989-732-6237
- Rent based on 10% of adjusted gross income
- MSMDA Vouchers Accepted
- Barrier Free Units Available

2. For Rent

OFFICE SPACE in Roscommon, great location. \$475 per month, plus utilities. 989-348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (1/10/08tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

FOR RENT, two bedroom home located at 303 S. 5th Street in Roscommon, \$450 per month, plus utilities and deposit. No pets! Contact Northwoods Rentals. 989-344-8787. (-24-1/2)

ONE BEDROOM HOME, garage, appliances. No pets, no smoking, no utilities furnished. \$450 monthly, \$450 security deposit. 989-348-5524. (-1/2)

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom apartment in town; \$485 a month. Rent includes heat and water; references and security deposit required. Phone 989-619-9689 for more info. (-1-8/2)

TWO-BEDROOM DUPLEXES totally remodeled, all new, floors, cabinets, walls, appliances, etc. Nonsmoking units, \$495. 810 Park St. and 8110 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (4/17/08tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE with garage, washer/dryer, and appliances. \$450 per month plus deposit. No pets, 348-2418. (-24-1/2)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOME AND CABIN at Lost Acres, 1 room cabin #1 \$275, includes utilities 11010 N. Old 27; 2 bedroom mobile home, \$375, plus utilities. New paint, carpet, windows 11006 N. Old Us 27, No pets allowed. 877-227-6976. (4/3/2008tf/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, close to 75, Maple Forrest, \$900-300 security. 989-344-0309. (-24-1-8-15-22/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, basement, garage. No Pets! \$750 a month with one month security deposit. Located on M-18 between Roscommon & I-75. 586-774-5327. (-24-1/2)

HOME FOR RENT, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Security deposit + utilities - no pets, 989-348-8621. (-1-8/2)

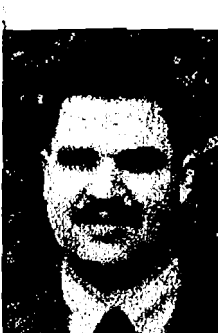
FOR RENT 1 & 3 bedroom mobiles and 2 bedroom home. Ausable Rentals 989-348-2466. (5/1/08tf/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

3. Employment

COUNSELOR - part-time outpatient substance abuse/mental health counselor for the Gaylord office. MSW/MA with license, required as well as substance abuse counseling experience. Interested candidates submit a letter of interest and resume to Nancy Morgridge, Catholic Human Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1610, Gaylord, MI 49734 or e-mail at nmorgridge@catholichuman-services.org. (-1-8/3)

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9.16 ACRES WITH 3 BEDROOM CHALET two garages, one 32x60 and one 12x20 located close to AuSable River Mainstream, and North Branch state land on three sides, on county maintained road. Back yard is like a wildlife sanctuary.
Listing #DB-2659 \$119,900

Contact me for a showing today, this won't last long!
Dan Bonamie II • Cell (989)710-1194



4 bedrooms, 2 bath home in Frederic. Nice yard with swimming pool. Basement, great starter home...with lots of space. Large wood stove in basement that is circulated through forced air. \$5778 \$59,900

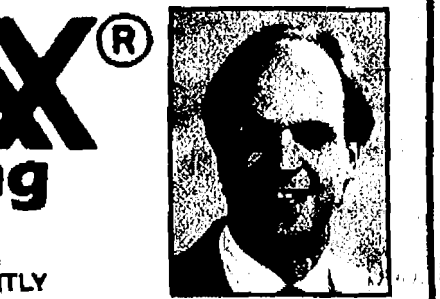
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RUSTIC RIVER FRONT CEDAR HOME 122 feet on the famous AuSable River with .81 acres very close to snowmobile trails. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,100 square feet of quality living space. Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings and fireplace. Home comes completely furnished and is in move in condition. Private setting on dead end road. CS-2641 \$168,000



NEW LISTING
140' FRONTAGE ON THE SOUTH BRANCH OF AUSABLE RIVER. 2,400 s.f. unfinished custom home. 3 B/R & 2 baths. 19x30 living room featuring impressive vaulted ceiling, open staircase, and large natural fireplace. 14x16 riverside deck & 12x14 two story shed. This custom river front home is priced to sell with great potential to gain a huge equity for that energetic buyer. Kitchen cabinets upstairs included. CH-2681 \$99,900



NEW LISTING
FULL LOG HOME ADJOINING STATE LAND ON TWO SIDES! Situated on secluded dead end drive. 1,252 s.f. home with two bedrooms and one bath. Family room with open cathedral ceilings. 8x26 screened porch and 6x11 gazebo. Landscaped yard with perennial flowers. AuSable Woods amenities include club house, road maintenance, and pool. CH-2682 \$139,900



LAKE MARGRETHE
100' FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL LAKE MARGRETHE! Open floor plan with cathedral ceiling and beautiful brick fireplace for those cozy evenings. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths offers 2,068 sq. ft. Well bar, snack bar, Master suite offers large walk-in closet and sunken tub with separate shower. Interior offers cedar and drywall. New roof on house and garage. Walk-out patio doors onto large deck. Foyer sidewalks. Sprinkler system. 2 car detached garage. Black top driveway. Beautifully landscaped. CS-2651 \$649,000



NEW LISTING
SPOTLESS RANCH ON SQUARE 2 1/2 ACRES Very secluded with no visible neighbors. 1,232 s.f., three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, and central air. Dining room features doorwall onto large rear deck. 26x32 garage with 220 electric and 12x20 shed with 16ft. loft. Enjoy this better than new stick built home with all the amenities on a peaceful country setting. CH-2510 \$129,900



NEW LISTING
180' PRISTINE FRONTAGE ON THE MANISTEE RIVER. Adjoining state land. Gorgeous river front setting amongst mature white pine canopy. 1,440 s.f. home featuring three bedrooms and two baths. Invigorating renovations include roof, siding, windows, doors, drywall, block crawl space, and river rock gas fireplace. 22x22 garage, 10x10 storage shed and boardwalk to island. Priced well below S.E.V. CH-2680 \$195,000



NEW LISTING
LAKE MARGRETHE
NAUTICAL NEIGHBORHOOD 75' of frontage on Lake Margrethe. Fantastic views from this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, offers 2,534 sq. ft. Large family room with wet bar, sink and refrigerator. Living room offers natural gas fireplace. Open floor plan to kitchen and dining area with oak kitchen cabinets and island cook top. Knotty pine and drywall throughout. Nice hardwood floors. Master bedroom has patio door onto deck. Large laundry room/mud room, paver sidewalks and patio area, wrap around deck, shed, additional back lot with 30x41 pole barn. CS-2687 \$495,000



NEW LISTING
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!
3 bedroom, 2 baths offers full basement has recreational room with kitchen and bar. New maple cabinets in kitchen with lots of counter space. Appliances included. Fireplace with stone surround. Double lot close to town on paved road. Move in condition. CS-2683 \$124,900



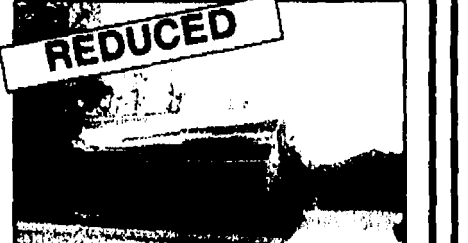
NEW LISTING
6.66 ACRES OVERLOOKING GORGEOUS VALLEY IN MAPLE FOREST 1,690 s.f. home offering 3 bedrooms and two full baths. Home features drywall throughout, vaulted ceilings, stone gas fireplace, and central air. Kitchen displays oak cabinets, pantry and large island. Master bedroom suite with french doors, large bathroom with jet tub and walk-in closet. 26x32 garage with circle drive. CH-2678 \$109,000



SOLD
GREAT OPPORTUNITY 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with 1,200 sq. ft. Home is in a shell status. Close to snowmobile trails and state land. 32x32 pole barn, 2.5 acres of rolling hardwoods in Frederic. CS-2654 \$49,900



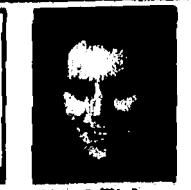
SOLD
NICE BUILDING SITE WITH MIXTURE OF TREES. Close to snowmobile trails. 600 feet from state land at end of road. 1.4 acres. CS-2662 \$7,500



REDUCED
CUSTOM LOG HOME ONLY 7 YEARS OLD 1,344 s.f. with two bedrooms one bath. Home features: vaulted ceilings with open log staircase, fieldstone hearth with wood burning stove, rustic pine flooring, three season sun porch, and landscaped yard. Drive through pole barn with heated work shop, and concrete drive. Close to AuSable River, trails, and state land. Motivated Seller!!! CH-2610 \$128,900

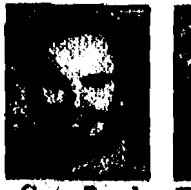


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Quality built home in very pretty setting on 2.46 acres w/ storage garage! Featuring a cut stone fireplace, attached heated 20x30 garage w/ upstairs work shop, a 16x28 garage, industrial steel roof, hot water heat. Flip switch for generator should the electricity go out. #5933 \$128,000

Well maintained home in the city of Grayling across the street from the Catholic Church. Close to everything. Ideal for the growing family, short commute to drop the kids off to school. Four bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths. #5768 \$65,000

Clean and well maintained Mobile with a view of Cub Lake across the road from Cub Lake access site. Natural gas, includes appliances, 4 piece bath. #5932 \$36,000

Cabin on 40 acres surrounded by state land! Cottage has 2 bedrooms and a combined kitchen living room area, electricity and year round access! There is an outside hand pump well, and a bath with a path. What a great package! #5418 \$109,000

Large country home close to town. Formal dining room with hardwood floors and large country kitchen make this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home perfect for the larger family. Partial finished basement. Recently reduced. \$238,000 #5863

Nice older mobile home on 1.4 acres about 5 miles east of Frederic on 612, surrounded by thousands of acres of state land, great for hunting, fishing or snowmobiling. Cute older heated garage out back, cool retro appliances...only \$25,900 #5937

Secluded feeling on a nicely landscaped parcel over an acre in size. & just a mile out of town! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, living & family rooms, fenced yard, garden area, large deck, workshop AND a full second level to the garage! #5911 \$125,000.00

Near the Lake! This mobile is in new condition. Offering 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, new carpet, fresh paint, 2 car garage all on a beautiful lot. #5727 \$45,000

Stunning 50 ACRE parcel, heavily wooded with some open areas & adjacent to state land! Ideal hunting retreat! The property has a very nice cabin & new 36 x 42 pole barn; outdoor lover's dream. \$335,000 #5589

Beautiful 3 to 5 bedroom home with 2 baths, full finished basement, large garage, all perched over a beautiful bend on the Manistee River. Get your fly rod, the fishing here is great. #5650 \$235,000

RIVER VIEW

You will not find a bargain like this again. 1,500 sq. ft. shop ideal for mechanic or other service business. Includes a 9,000 lb. hoist, two service bays and office space with excellent road front exposure. Only \$57,900 #5946

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3. Employment

DRIVER TRAINEES needed now. Drivers being hired and CDL trained locally for Werner Enterprises. \$800/week no experience needed 800-568-7364. (-3-10-17-24-1/3)

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WAIT STAFF & COOKS, apply in person at Fox Run Country Club. (-17-24-1/3)

WANTED: trust-worthy individual to clean Lovells area cottage. Must have references, 906-360-1716. (-17-24-1/3)

SUBWAY CLERKS. Grayling Subway is now accepting applications for Subway clerks for all shifts. Must possess excellent customer service and leadership skills. Positive, friendly and helpful attitude essential. Please apply in person at 317 S. James Street, Grayling. (-24-1/3)

3. Employment

SUMMER HELP. Evergreen Party Store, cashier and stock help. Dairy Queen clerks also needed. 989-821-5425. (-24-1-8/3)

LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER needed for employment or sub-contracting. Vehicle provided if needed. Fax resume to 989-348-7132. (-1/3)

HELP WANTED - Contractual transporter/Court attendant for the Family Division of the 46th Circuit Trial Court. Applicants must possess a valid Michigan driver's license, have reliable transportation, no criminal history, a good driving record, and be willing to attend a mandatory 2-day training program. Contract rate of payment is currently \$8 per hour. This is an ideal opportunity for retired couples, or others not interested in full time employment. To apply, please send a letter of interest by May 30th to the 46th Circuit Trial Court - Crawford County Family Division, Attention: Patricia Bonamie - Family Division Manager, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. (-1-8/3)

3. Employment

INSTALLING & MARKETING a patented energy saving product in the construction industry. Are you a people person? Have a valid driver's license? Would you enjoy being self-employed? Ideal for handyman, full time, part time or spare time. Excellent income potential. Huge market. Call 989-422-6284 and leave a message. (-24-1/3)

INSTRUCTOR, MATHEMATICS: Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for part-time instructors to teach Basic Math and Basic Algebra during the fall, 2008, semester. One position will be 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; another position will be 4 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Bachelor's degree with a math major is required; master's degree and background in teaching preferred. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, official transcripts and three reference letters to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Application deadline is May 16, 2008. Equal opportunity employer. Visit our web site at <http://www.kirtland.edu>. (-1/3)

3. Employment

INSTRUCTOR, Math for Elementary Teachers: Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for a part-time instructor to teach Mathematics for Elementary Teachers on Wednesday evenings during the fall, 2008, and winter, 2009, semesters. Bachelor's degree with a math major and background in teaching elementary or middle school mathematics with an understanding of the use of manipulatives in grades K-12 is required; master's degree preferred. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, official transcripts and three reference letters to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Application deadline is May 16, 2008. Equal opportunity employer. Visit our web site at <http://www.kirtland.edu>. (-1/3)

REFERRAL COORDINATOR. We are currently seeking an individual to fill the position of Referral Coordinator for a busy family practice clinic. Responsibilities include making referral appointments and getting prior authorizations for appointments and patient medications. Experience and clinical background are preferred. You must possess excellent communication and organization skills along with an outgoing personality. Please fax resume Attn.: Office Manager to 989-344-1284 or mail resume ASAP to: Attn: Office Manager, 1010 N. Down River Road W., Grayling, MI 49738. (-1/3)

4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

ROOFING, ROOFING, ROOFING all shingle, new construction, tear-offs, residential, commercial, emergency work welcome. 20 years experience. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (-LR5/8/08/4)

3. Employment

I CHARGE by the job not the hour. Mowing, auto detailing cars, trucks, vans. Free estimates, 348-5081. (-1/4)

D. HAWES/DRIVERS TRAINING Northern Driving School. Segment I, \$260. Segment II, \$40. Classes offered in Grayling - January, March, May, June, July; Roscommon - December, March, April, June. The only local driver's education company in Crawford and Roscommon Counties. (989) 344-2470. (11/22/07tf/4)

HOME OR CABIN in need of repair. Quality work, dependable, licensed & insured. Call Mainstream Building & Remodeling 989-614-0975. (-20-27-3-10-17-24-1-8/4)

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NEED A TRACTOR/LOADER for your project? I will bring mine out and help you. I have a loader bucket, forks, landscape rake, and other implements available. Insured. Call 989-370-1919. (-1-8/4)

TENNIS LESSONS at reasonable rates. Beginners to advanced; children to adults; individuals or groups. 989-390-2610 or slaterdo@msu.edu. (-1-8-15-22-29/4)

3. Employment

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR5/22/08/5)

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OAK FIREWOOD \$55/face cord, 989-390-3930 Marty. (-17-24-1-8/5)

FOR SALE bathroom toilets \$25 each, pedestal sink \$50, 6 ft. double sink vanity complete \$200, 989-821-5425 or 989-302-2906. (-24-1-8/5)

MOVING SALE, 2675 M-72 East, household items, furniture, men's tools, Sears tractor 2 stage, 48" snowblower & 54" mower deck never on tractor. 989-390-1680. (-24-1/5)

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3. Employment

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MASSEY FERGUSON crawler dozer, 3 cylinder diesel, 6 way blade, new steering, brakes, new radiator. Working condition \$7,900. 989-329-3249. (-24-1-8/5)

BOAT LIFT Midlander with 22' canopy, 36 lbs., \$2,200. 989-792-8910 or 989-598-5009. (-1-8-15/5)

BAJA 1990 20 foot open bow, 4.3 tilt & trim continental trailer, BIMINI excellent condition, \$7,400. 989-792-8910 or 989-598-5009. (-1-8-15/5)

OAK COFFEE TABLE & matching end table with glass tops - like new \$100. 989-348-5296. (sgf-1-8/5)

KAYAK & 6 place trailer, 14 1/2' Perception Model - Carolina w/rudder & two hatches. \$600 for both. Call 348-2639. (sgf-1-8/5)

2 HONDA 70 SCOOTERS. Low miles, electric start. \$1200 for the pair. 989-348-8096. (-1-8/5)

14 FT. LUND bass boat (Rebel 1991), tiller setup, no motor. Fully carpeted deck with adjustable pedestal chairs, rod holders and storage. Control panel for navigation lights, bilge and live-well pumps. Bow-mounted Minn Kota electric motor with foot control and battery. E-Z loader trailer with spare and guides/rollers for one person handling, \$2,500 OBO. 989-344-7638. (-1-8/5)

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TROLLING MOTOR Minn Kota Bow Mount 5500s thrust in shaft, 2 yr. old, \$300. 989-348-1875. (-1/5)

TIRES. Firestone Transforce LT235/85 R16, unused, 2 sets @ \$300 each. 225/70 R19.5, good tread, 3 @ \$35 each. 231-492-4403. (-1-8/5)

HARLEY DAVIDSON 883 Sportster, Custom 100th Anniversary model, 6,500 miles, real clean \$6,200. Phone 989-348-1606. (-1/5)

15' X 48" INTEX swimming pool, metal frame. Used only one year. Extras come with it \$200. 989-390-2781. (-1/5)

FOR SALE Remington model 870 12 gauge shot gun. Brand new, \$225. 989-619-1156. (-1/5)

1977 SILVERLINE BOAT, out board, Mercury 700 motor, seater, 1976 Starcraft trailer \$1700. Excellent condition. 989-390-4000. (-1-8-15-22-29/5)

3. Employment

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES. SMR is paying, up to \$1,000 delivered. Also pick up available. Call for details 989-888-471-3818. (4/3/08tf/6)

WANTED TO BUY Rittenhouse or Habitant cottage furniture. 248-851-7585 (03/2/06tf/6)

WANTED SMALL CABIN on fishing lake. Mail information to Louis, 15080 Loven Rd., St. Charles, MI 48655. (-1/6)

Radiographer:

In-House Diagnostics, one of the largest providers of mobile diagnostic services in MI, has a position for a registered Radiographer to provide services in the northern Michigan area including Grayling/Kalkaska, Cadillac and Traverse City. Position is full time, M-F/days, plus 1 weekend per month, excellent wages and full benefits.

Call Mary @ 586-254-0266 or fax 586-254-0648.
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Keri Svensen, RN
Administrator
508 Random Lane
Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: (989) 732-3508
Fax: (989) 731-5260

E-mail: Kvensen@extendicare.com

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Brenda Lake
Business and Facilities Manager
lakeb@trinity-health.org
989-344-4402 Direct
989-348-4380 Fax

Mail your resume to:
Brenda Lake
324 Meadows Drive, Grayling Michigan 49738

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Brenda Lake, Business / Facilities Manager
FAX 1- 989 - 348 - 4380
Telephone Direct Line - 1- 989 - 344 - 4402
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GENTLY USED BOOKS for the Crawford County Library book sale, July 24 & 25. Please drop off at the library during regular hours. Call 348-9214 if any questions. (4/3/08tf/6)

12" CHIPPER NOW AVAILABLE at Reasonable Rental \$180 per day, call 989-275-5972. (LR06/26/08/7)

LOST CAT. 1 male cat, 1 yr. old, med. sized, not declawed, has light to medium brown stripes all over; looks like a tiger. His name is Ranger. He was lost in area of Co. Rd. 612, Frederic north bound exit - eastward, approx. 3-4 miles. Lost during Thursday's evacuation. If found please call Tammy at 989-745-8900, anytime. If no answer, please leave a message! (-1/7)

LOST Miniature Pinscher, brown, female. Name is Kayla, near Waters Greenacres. Missing Since 4-21-08. Kayla is still a puppy, is wearing black collar with pink hearts. If found, please call 989-619-0486. Reward. (-1/7)

SIGN SEASON IS HERE! Signs for your business, events, jobsite. LED video, vehicle graphics and wraps. Call Pete Kocefas 348-8627. (-1-8-15-22/7)



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PUPPY?
Missing from S. Stephan Bridge Rd and Four Mile Rd area on the 26th of April. He is black & white with some brown. Four months old, answers to SPARKY. If you have seen him or know of anyone who has, please call: 989-745-5817 REWARD!

LOST CAT during fire evacuation. Gray stripe, white paws. Lost near Roberts Rd. Any info please call 348-6276. (-1/7)

8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

HALL FOR RENT. American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. All occasions. Contact manager 348-7232. (-6-20-3-17-1-15/8)

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USE YOUR GOVERNMENT REBATE wisely. Fick & Sons propane price protection plans are coming soon. Lock in your propane price for next year. (-17-24-1-8-15-22/8)

ESTATE & MOVING AUCTION! May 3, 10 a.m., Mio. Furniture; appliances; home care items; glassware, household, kitchen, garage, shop & outside related; rototiller; mower; dirt bike; boat; guns & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction Company (989) 848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-1/8)

CONSIGN IN GRAYLING (consignment/resale) is offering appraisals this Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by a certified personal property appraiser. There is a \$5 per item charge. Looking for a new water heater, come check it out at 609 Norway Street (old Dubois Lumber building). (-1/8)

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8. Announcements

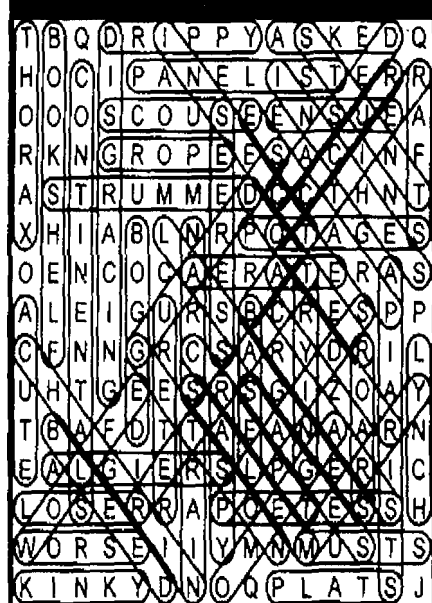
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Puzzle 3 (Medium, difficulty rating 0.57)

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ACCEPTING PROPOSALS

The Crawford AuSable School District is accepting proposals for a new CAD lab. The RFP is available at the Board Office at 1135 North Old U.S. 27, Grayling MI or can be accessed at www.casdk12.net/technology/techmain.htm

GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY Notice to Bidders

The Grayling Recreation Authority is accepting bids for the following job:

- 1) Prepare and Paint the Archery Building at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area. This building is 40' by 110' steel sided building.
- 2) Prepare and paint roof of same 40' by 110' building.

Bids should be sent to GRA Archery Building, PO Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738 by May 23, 2008. Questions should be directed to Craig Jacobs Maintenance Manger at 989-348-9266.

GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY Notice to Bidders

The Grayling Recreation Authority is accepting bids for the following job:

Approximately 22,000 square feet of existing drive way with an entrance and exit at Hanson Hills Recreation Area 7601 Old Lake Road, to be cleaned, low spots brought to level, and tack coat applied. Lay 1 1/2 inches of asphalt, and stripe the drive and cross walk with traffic marker yellow paint. Job to be completed by July 18, 2008. Contractor must be willing to work around programs at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

All bids mailed to GRA Driveway, P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738. Bids should be received by May 23, 2008. Bids will be opened by Planning Committee and winning bid will be notified by June 6, 2008. Questions can be directed to Craig Jacobs Maintenance Manger at 989-348-9266.

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FABRICS AND MORE is having a special make it and take it, for children to give to their mom or grandma for Mother's Day, on May 3. Pre-registration is a must. Call 344-0986 or stop in by May 1. (-24-1/8)

GRAYLING EAGLES #3465. Voting will take place on Monday, the 5th of May, from 12 p.m. till 7 p.m. for new officers. Grumpy is retiring as secretary. (-1/8)

11. Automotive

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 106, Grayling, will be holding its annual election of officers on May 12, 2008, during its regular meeting. All members are encouraged to come. Any member who would like to run for an office may be nominated at that time. (-24-1/8)

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MOVING SALE includes furniture, stereo system, CD player, hutch, wall hangings, several lamps, hide-a-bed, desk, 2 couches, antique dresser, garden supplies & tools, end tables, rotisserie, grandmother clock, pictures, misc. baskets, dishes, glasses, copper candle stick holder. 7055 Costello Drive, Lovells, North Branch Drive, south 1/4 mile off 612, Sat. & Sun., May 3 & 4, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 989-348-5732. (-1/10)

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